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ANCESTORS AND DESCENDANTS
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BENJAMIN FRANKLIN TEETER

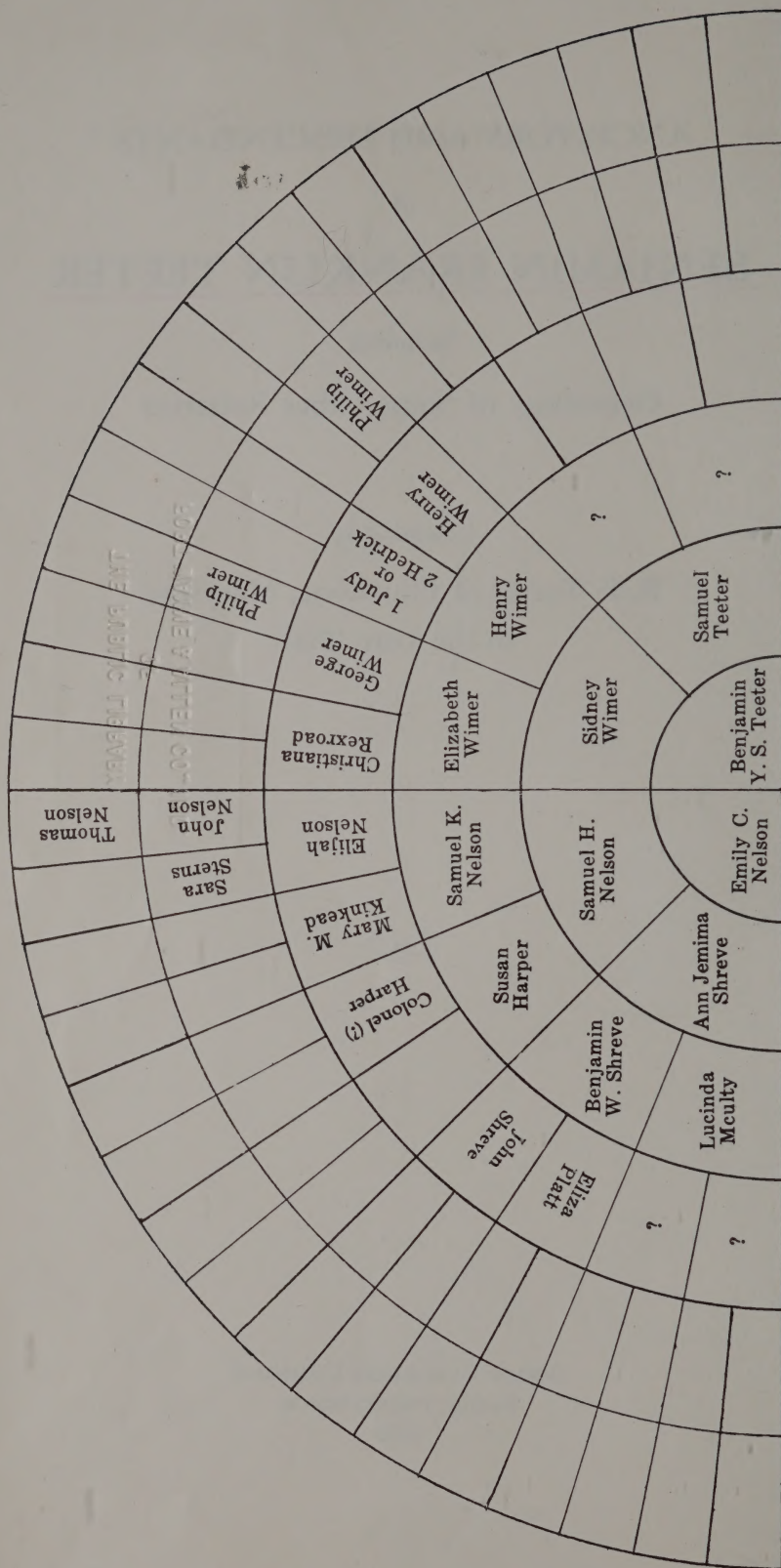
including
Genealogy of Some Other Relatives

compiled by
B. F. Teeter of Flintstone, Maryland
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ANCESTORS



Benjamin F. Teeter, A.B.

DESCENDANTS

1. Dorothy O. Teeter, b. 1921, m. Carl Sack of Pa., moved to California.
Children: Robert Carl, b. 1947, Carla Jean, b. 1950.
2. Benjamin T. Teeter, Ph.D., b. 1922, m. Lois Crouse of Md.
Children: Benjamin R., b. 1947, David, b. 1948, Larry, b. 1949, Janis, b. 1951, Linda, b. 1954, Michael, b. 1959, John, b. 1960, Barbara Ann.
3. Olie K. Teeter, b. 1924, m. Montre Beck.
Children: Junior, b. 1947, Gragrie, b. 1952.
4. Mildred V. Teeter, b. 1927, m. Joe Cowan from Texas, live in California.
Children: Allen R., b. 1952, Debra J., b. 1954, Lori L., b. 1959.
5. Joseph J. Teeter, b. 1932, m. Shirley Westfall.
Children: Connie, Jr., b. 1955, Jerry, b. 1957, Gary Lee, b. 1959, Sharon Lynne.
6. Paul E. Teeter, b. 1933, m. Dorothy Motice.
Children: Thomas Paul, b. 1952, Dennis Wayne, b. 1954.
7. C. Franklin Teeter, b. 1937, m. Allene Hanson.
Child: Judy Dianne.
8. Mary Louise Teeter, b. 1944.

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Foreword

The writer does not know enough about his European Ancestors worth recording. He does not know if the first Pioneer Ancestors, listed below, came in person from beyond the seas or if they were American born.

Teter and Wimer is German. Nelson is English or Scotch or both. Shreve is English.

It is said that the pioneer George Teter came from Wurtemberg, Germany, and settled on North Fork soon after 1760. The writer has started with the names of the first ones known in each family and has recorded some data on their descendants down to his Grandparents. Beginning with his Grandparents, Samuel Teter and Sidney Wimer on the paternal side and Samuel H. Nelson and Anjemima Shreve on the maternal side, he has been able to gather a more complete list of their descendants, as well as a partial list of the descendants of their brothers and sisters. He regrets that, because of the lack of information, parts of families and even whole families have been omitted.

It was not the intention of the writer to even aim to get all of the descendants of the first Teter, Wimer, Nelson and Shreve first named, because of the staggering amount of work that would have been involved. It was rather the aim to create a skeleton that could be added to by members of this and future generations. It could also be used to enrich and enlarge histories that may be written by others.

As previously stated this work is not complete. Even from the writer's Grandparents and their brothers and sisters down, parts of families and even whole families are omitted because of lack of information. In some cases, names may be wrong or not spelled correctly, even in some instances the nickname is used when the correct name was not known. Dates of births, marriages and deaths could contain some errors. Most of the material in this book has been printed as it was given by the several relatives.

Grateful acknowledgement is made to the different relatives who furnished parts of this book.

The genealogy could have been more complete if it had been written years ago. Facts not recorded are lost. Because of this fact the writer believes that his endeavor in writing this book, imperfect as it is, is better than making no endeavor at all.

The first pioneer settlers of the above named Teter, Wimer, Nelson and Shreve families, all settled in that part of Virginia, that later on became Pendleton County, West Virginia. Some of their descendants still live near their ancestral home; others of each generation migrated to other parts of the state and to other states. It would be fairly safe to assume that each of the fifty states contains some of their offspring.

What our fore-parents were like, we do not know, but this we must concede that they had something about them that we call "Guts". Enough of that to leave their homeland, to cross the Atlantic, to press on inland to take up their home site in the valleys and hills among the Indians in the wilderness of Pendleton County, West Virginia.

It is only natural that we, their descendants, would like to know something about them. Why did they leave their homeland? Did they leave close relatives behind? We would like to know about their education, their religion, their financial status and many other things, but most of this information is forever lost, because those things were not recorded.

Explanation

In order to understand the genealogy of this book, it is important to understand that the numbers placed on the left side of the pages designate generations. The pioneer or first person named in each family is marked generation 1. The children of the first parent named are marked 2. Their children in turn are designated as generation 3, and so on as far as the generations go. The exception of this procedure is in the Teter family. The line of descent from the pioneer George Teter to Samuel Teter who married Sidney Wimer is not known, so Samuel Teter is marked as generation 1.

To trace your ancestry, find the number under which your family, you and your brothers and sisters, are written. Go back to the next lower number written and that is your parent's family. Likewise by going back to the next lower number than your parent's you will find the family of your grandparent's and so on back to generation 1. For example, if your family is listed as generation 6, your parent's family would be listed under 5, and your grandparent's family would be 4, and so on to generation 1.

After the name of each person listed, there will be parentheses if he or she is married. Within the parentheses will be the name of the husband or wife or husbands and wives if married more than once if their name is known. Dates and other information within the parentheses pertain to the spouse. Dates and other information following the parentheses pertain to the individual listed before the parentheses. In some instances additional information concerning the individual or spouse follows below.

The term, "Line of", is used to designate the children of the second generation in the Shreve and Wimer families, the third generation in the Nelson family and the fourth generation in the Teter family. By using the term, "Line of", instead of the term, "Children of", should enable the reader to place him or her self in the particular group of the pioneer's children to which they belong. For example, of John Nelson's 13 children, only the descendants of 4 are listed in this book. They are listed under the Line of Isaac, Line of Absalom, Line of Jonathan and Line of Elijah. This should be an aid to the individuals of the Nelson family to trace their line of ancestors. The Wimer and Shreve families are arranged in a similar manner.

A blank space or a ? mark means that information is lacking. c. means children, b. means born. When followed by a date it means the year of birth. d. when followed by a date means date of death. A double date, such as 1900-1960, means dates of birth and death. m. when followed by a date means date of marriage.

Some Teter families after moving from West Virginia to Maryland, changed the spelling to Teeter. There was no reason for this change other than Benjamin Y. S. Teter thought that it was the more correct way.

George Teter came from Wurtemberg, Germany, and settled on Dutchman's Creek, near Salsburg, North Carolina. Due to new Indian disturbances, he moved to North Fork, Pendleton County, West Virginia, soon after 1760. He had three sons: George, Paul and Philip, and a daughter, Barbara.

In 1767, George secured 152 acres of land by Patent, on Timber Ridge.

In 1775, George secured 125 acres of land by Patent, on North Fork.

In 1787, George secured 153 acres of land by Patent, on Timber Ridge.

In 1767, Paul secured 53 acres of land by Patent, on North Fork.

In 1773, Paul secured 13 acres of land on North Fork.

In 1782, Philip secured 118 acres of land by Patent, on North Fork.

In 1782, George and Paul Teter, with others, presented claims to the General Assembly of Virginia for supplies that they had furnished to the Military during the Revolutionary War.

Children of George Teter

George, Jr. (Annie M. Hinkle).

Paul (Rebecca Hinkle).

Philip (Susannah Hinkle).

Barbara (Jacob Hinkle).

Since the writer is unable to trace the line of descent from the pioneer George Teter to Samuel Teter who married his Grandmother, Sidney Wimer, he starts Samuel Teter as generation No. 1.

1—Samuel Teter.

Line of Samuel Teter and Sidney Wimer

2—Mahala (Saul Hedrick of Timber Ridge). Lived on Timber Ridge.

Sidney (Myles Thompson). Lived near Timber Ridge.

Phoebe (George Taylor).

Benjamin Y. S. (Jane Dolly, Emily C. Nelson).

Children of Mahala Teter and Saul Hedrick

3—Rebecca Jane (Ed Thompson). Lived and died on Timber Ridge.

Martha (Charles Long).

Mary Hedrick.

George (Anna Harper).

Ettie (William VanDevner). Lives on Timber Ridge.

Gettie (Lloyd Hinkle). Lives on Timber Ridge.

Children of Rebecca Jane Hedrick and Ed Thompson

4—Alta, Ada, Okey, Arthur, Attie, Densie, Vesta. All died before marriage. Edna, Mason, living.

Children of Mary Hedrick

4—Walter Harper (Zadie Mallow, daughter of Henry Clay Mallow and Margaret Dolly).

Julia (Glenn Thompson) no children.

Curtis (Hodie Huffman).

Child of Walter Harper

5—Earl Harper (Ida C. Perdew).

Children of Earl Harper

6—Emory and Victor T., d. infant.

Rachel Anna, Mary Rebecca.

Children of Curtis Harper

5—Zerna, Bessie, d. infants.

Children of George Hedrick

4—Denver, Isom, Gertie, Ellie, Dairy.

Children of Gettie Hedrick and Lloyd Hinkle

*Lloyd Hinkle and wife Gettie Hedrick and their family.
Gettie was the daughter of Saul Hedrick and Mahala Teeter.
Home—Timber Ridge, Pendleton County, W. Va.*

4—Russell (Elsie Mallow).

Theodore (Mabel Ruddle).

Orville (Cathryn Miller).

Rosco, Cletis, Roy, Sylvia, Ruth, Richard, Victor, k. overseas during World War II.

Children of Sidney Teter and Myles Thompson

3—Tena (Blaine Cunningham).

Isaac (Floda Nelson, daughter of Abel Nelson).

Frank, Fred, Willie, Bessie, Opie, Grace.

Child of Phoebe Teter and George Taylor

3—Virginia, who had a son, Benny. May be others.

Benjamin Y. S. Teeter, 1860-1941.



Rev. B. Y. S. Teeter

Father being five years old at the close of the Civil War and living on the border line between the North and South, remembered some of the local squirmishes between small opposing groups. His father being dead, he spent much of his time during his boyhood with his oldest sister, Mahala, who lived close to his mother's home. It was Mahala's husband, Saul Hedrick, who took the place of a father, and in his company, Father learned to fish in Seneca, North Fork and Brushy Run, and to hunt on Spruce Mountain and Spruce Knob. He continued to love the sport of fishing and hunting game and ginseng during the remaining part of his active life.

By the time his first wife, Jane Dolly, died leaving him with six children, he was living

against the North Mountain in Grant County. In course of time he married my mother, Emily C. Nelson.

During the early 1900's, he was elected to the ministry in the Church of the Brethren, which was commonly known as the Dunkard Church at that time. He had regular services at Long Hollow, near Hopeville, and the corner and often preached in the schoolhouses and churches elsewhere. Other Dunkard preachers, who were neighbors, living on North Fork, were J. W. Bible of Pendleton County and Elder Israel Wimer of Grant County. Among the visiting preachers who came a long way on horseback or buggy to hold revival meetings were Fikes, Cosners and Obed Hamstead.

Father moved to Flintstone, Maryland, in 1913. Preacher J. W. Bible had moved to Flintstone a few years previous. There was no Brethren Church at Flintstone at that time, but Father and J. W. Bible, by traveling on horseback or by buggy aided Elder John Bennett of Artemas, Pennsylvania, in holding regular services at Artemas and Amaranth in Buck Valley.

Due to Father's and J. W. Bible's cooperation and aid given to Elder John Bennett, he in turn used his time and influence in getting some of the people of the Middle District of Pennsylvania to help in financing the building of a church at Flintstone. The new Brethren Church was built in 1920. The building has been improved by adding an additional room, a full basement and other facilities. It is still a growing church.

At first, the roads leading to the church were very bad, so the first Sunday School was held only during the better months. After a few years, Father decided that he, together with some of his children and neighbors who lived close by, would keep the Sunday School open during the winter months also, while those who lived farther away would attend when roads and weather permitted. Due to that effort on his part, together with the betterment of roads, the Sunday School has since continued continuous.

Father, being human, was subject to temptations commonly to all. Some he overcame, but with others he may not have done so well. But he kept on trying to lead a Christian life. He was not so rich in worldly goods, so he had to continue striving to raise a large family, including his own children, and some grandchildren. He could be considered self-educated. He was well read in the Scriptures. He could preach well and could pray fluently. He was often called upon to help settle disputes in families and between neighbors. He was often successful in being a Peace Maker.

Father's first wife, Jane Dolly, died while rather young, but after having borne six children. She is buried in the Turner Graveyard in Pendleton County, W. Va.

Jane Dolly was the daughter of George W. Dolly and Phoebe Kisamore. Granddaughter of George W. Dolly and Eva Sites and Jesse Kisamore and Mary Speelman. Great granddaughter of John Dolly and Kate Linger.

John Dolly was brought to America by the British to fight the American Colonies during the Revolutionary War. He remained in this country after the war.

Children of B. Y. S. Teter and Jane Dolly

3—Nora (Enoch VanMeter). Both buried in Glendale Cemetery, Flintstone.

Martha (Sampson Jordan). Buried in Turner Graveyard, Pendleton Co., W. Va.

Mary (Jacob VanMeter, Sampson Jordan), d. 1918. Buried in Strawser Graveyard near Flintstone, Md. Martha and Mary were twins. Jacob

VanMeter died while still young. Buried at Crows Ridge, Grant Co., W. Va. Sampson Jordan still living in 1960, with his fourth wife. Blaine (Cora Shreve), b. 1887. Living at Flintstone, Md., 1960. Della (Harrison Shreve, Page Paxton). Living at Flintstone in 1960. Harrison Shreve died rather young. Buried in Turners Cemetery. Nina (Edward S. May. Buried in Glendale Cemetery, Flintstone, Md.).

Child of Nora Teter and Enoch VanMeter



Enoch VanMeter, 1928, and wife, Nora Teeter, and their son, Austin. Moved from Grant County to Flintstone, Md.

- 4—Austin F. (Elsie Alt, b. 1916), b. 1914, in Grant Co., W. Va. Austin F. served as a sailor in the Pacific Theater during World War II. Living in Cumberland, Md., in 1960.

Children of Austin VanMeter

- 5—Grace (Donald Crabtree), b. 6/15/1934. Living near Oldtown, Md., in 1960.
Manyard, b. 7/20/1937. In service in 1960.
Donald, b. 10/7/1939. In service in 1960.
Melvin, b. 3/7/1943.
Leonard, b. 1949.

*Children of Grace VanMeter and
Donald Crabtree*

- 6—Terry Lee, b. 5/13/1954.
Ronald Franklin, b. 6/7/1957.

*Children of Martha Teter and
Sampson Jordan*

- 4—Zerna B. (Homer Rice).
Zera (Herman Barnes).

After the death of Martha, her daughters, Zerna and Zera, were raised by Martha's uncle, Miner Dolly. He moved from Pendleton County around 1910, to Flintstone, Md. Zerna and Zera still live in the vicinity of Flintstone.



1920, Flintstone, Md. L. to r.: Zera Jordan, B. F. Teeter, Zerna Jordan, Miner Jordan, Amos Jordan, killed in France in World War II.

Children of Zerna B. Jordan and Homer Rice

5—Samuel B., d. infant, 1925.

Leonard D., b. 1927. Spent one term in service.

Evelyn Mae, b. 1929. Clerk.

Richard D., b. 1930. In service in Alaska in 1960.

Mae M., b. 1937. Teaching.

Marion R., b. 1940. Student in college in 1960.

Ralph W., b. 1943.

Homer C., b. 1946.

Children of Zera Jordan and Herman Barnes

Herman Barnes and wife, Zera Jordan, Flintstone, Md. Granddaughter, Glenda Kay Thomas of Indiana.

5—Carl D., b. 1928.

Harold L., b. 1929.

Glenn W., b. 1931.

Cecil M., b. 1932, d. infant.

Naoma (Claude Thomas, Jr., of Indiana). Living in Ind. in 1960.

Paul H., b. 1943.

Child of Naoma Barnes

6—Glenda K., b. 1956.

Children of Mary Teter and Jacob VanMeter

4—Rose R., b. 1903.

Noah Ray (Velve Cruthers), b. 1904.

Ambrose W. (Helen Louise Cosner), b. 1907.

Margaret (Richard Bechtel), b. 1910.

Child of Rose R. VanMeter

5—Mary Louise Cavanaugh (Paul Allen, Dale Wilson).

Children of Mary Louise Cavanaugh

6—Paul Allen, Jr, Tommy Wilson, Susan Wilson.

Children of Noah Ray VanMeter

5—Mary Louise (William Hodershell). Shirley, b. 1936.

Leroy (Gean Meager).

Jane, b. 1940.

Gerldene (Jimmy Edwards).

Jimmy, b. 1940.

Wanda Buddy Zimbower, d. 1958,
following childbirth.

Billy Ray, b. 1949.
Linda, b. 1950.

Children of Gerldene VanMeter

- 6—Jimmy Edwards, Jr., d. age 4 yrs. Buried in Glendale Cemetery.
Gennie, b. 1955.

Children of Wanda VanMeter

- 6—Twins, b. 1956, child, b. 1958.

Children of Ambrose W. VanMeter and Helen Louise Cosner

- 5—Betty Lou (Paul L. Berket) b. 1930.
Virginia Lee (Richard Macy), b. 1932.
Helen Marie (Robert Burk), b. 1934.
Barbara.

Children of Betty Lou VanMeter

- 6—Jerry Ambrose, b. 1949.
Connie, b. 1953.

Children of Margaret VanMeter

- 5—Lamont, Johnny, Harry. Lamont was killed in Korea in 1953.

Children of Mary Teter and Sampson Jordan

Sampson Jordan and wife, Mary Teeter VanMeter, deceased 1918. Mary had previously been Mrs. Jacob VanMeter. Sampson had previously married Mary's twin sister, Martha Teeter, deceased 1906.

- 4—Amos (Elsie Cosner), b. 1913. Killed in France during World War II.
Miner (Ethel Dolly, Goldizen), b. 1915.
Mary (Andy Divine), b. 1918.

Child of Mary Jordan and Andy Divine

- 5—Judy, b. 1940, m. 1958.

Children of Blaine Teeter and Cora Shreve

Family of Blaine and Cora Shreve Teeter on 50th Anniversary. Front row: Edith Teeter Jackson, Ira Teeter, Blaine Teeter, Cora Shreve Teeter. Back row: Audrey Teeter Nazelrod, Homer Teeter, Virgie Teeter Musgrove, Burley Teeter.

4—Ira, b. 1908. Attended school for deaf at Frederick, Md.

Tressie, 1910-1918. Buried in Glendale Cemetery, Flintstone, Md.

Edith (Harry Jackson), b. 1913.

Benjamin J., 1916-1918. Buried in Glendale Cemetery.

Norman A., 1918-1922. Buried in Glendale Cemetery.

Virgie E. (Robert Musgrove), b. 1921.

Audrey M. (Clyde Nazelrod), b. 1922, no children.

Homer C. (Marie B. Smith), b. 1924.

Burley B. (Virginia Steele), b. 1926.

Earnest, d. 1928, infant. Buried in Glendale Cemetery.

Mary A., 1930-1934. Buried in Glendale Cemetery.

Children of Edith Teter and Harry Jackson

Harry Jackson and wife, Edith Teeter, of Flintstone, Md.

- 5—Charlie A., Martha D., Harry, Jr., Jimmy B., Betty J., Leanna C., Johnny, Bonny Sue, Donald. All living near Flintstone in 1958. Charles A. and Jimmy B. each served a term in service. Harry, Jr., in Korea in 1960.

Children of Virgie Teter



Robert Musgrove and family. L. to r.: Robert Musgrove, Robert Musgrove, Sr., Virgie Teeter Musgrove, Darlene Musgrove. Living near Damascus, Md., in 1961.

- 5—Darlene and Robert, Jr.

Children of Homer C. Teeter



Homer Teeter's family and home—1961. L. to r.: Sandra Kay Teeter, Debora Ann Teeter, Marie Smith Teeter, Homer C. Teeter, Janice M. Teeter.

- 5—Janice M., b. 1949.
Deborah A., b. 1952.
Sandra K., b. 1955.

Children of Burley Teter

- 5—Garry, b. 1949.
Barbara, b. 1951.

Children of Della Teter and Harrison Shreve

- 4—Blaine, 1906-1908. Buried in Smokehole, W. Va.
 Effie, b. 1908, d. 6 mo. old. Buried in Turner Cemetery, Pendleton Co., W. Va.
 Rennie (Evelyn Alt), b. 1910. Living in Cumberland, Md., in 1960.
 Bruce (Goldie Clingerman), b. 1912. Living near Flintstone, Md., in 1960.

Children of Rennie Shreve

- 5—Charles (Ingeburg Sonja Menne of Mannehein, Germany), b. 1933. A Captain in service in 1960.
 Mary, b. 1934.
 Norma, b. 1937.

Child of Captain Charles Shreve

- 6—Sonja Marie, b. 3/20/1957.

Children of Bruce Shreve

- 5—Delores (Dexter Beck), b. 1937.
 Shirley, b. 1941.
 Gerldine, b. 1945.
 Lula Mae, b. 1949.
 William B., b. 1953.

Child of Delores

- 6—Ronda Marie, b. 1954.



Bruce Shreve and wife,
 Goldie Clingerman, Flint-
 stone, Md.

Children of Della Teter and Page Paxton

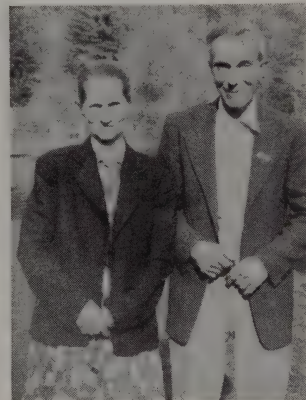
- 4—Bernie (Beulah Stafford), b. 1915.
 Lula J. (Franklin Reid), b. 1918.
 Thelma B. (Ulysses Morris), b. 1922.
 Genevieve (Martin Adams), b. 1924.
 Eston Page (Betty Stafford), b. 1928.

*Child of Bernie Paxton and Beulah
 Stafford*

- 5—Helen, b. 1939.

*Children of Lula J. Paxton and Franklin
 Reid*

- 5—Franklin Earl, b. 1937.
 Henry Barton, b. 1939.
 Wanda Jane, b. 1942.
 Donald Lee, b. 1957.



Page Paxton and wife,
 Della Teeter Paxton, Flint-
 stone, Md.

Children of Thelma B. Paxton and Ulysses Morris



Ulysses Morris and family: Brenda, James, Thelma Paxton Morris, Ulysses, Gene, (Front) Bonnie, Barbara, Johnny.

5—James A., Jean, Brenda, Johnny, Barbara, Bonnie.

Children of Genevieve Paxton and Martin Adams

5—Monte, b. 1939.

Shari Martine, b. 1960.

Children of Eston Page Paxton and Betty Stafford



1960 Photo of B. F. Teeter (L.) holding 12 lb. cat fish and Eston Paxton (R.) with 7 lb. catch. Fish taken above dam No. 6 in Potomac River.

5—Allen, Vickey, Danny.

Children of Nina Teter and Edward S. May, m. 1907. Son of Jacob May and Sarah Lance of Va.

4—Gertie, d. infant, 1909.

Weston (Lucille Sullivan, Lillian Sager), b. 1910.

Harvey (Doris Kelker), b. 1912.

Franklin (Katherine DeLawder), b. 1917.

Oscar (Virginia Rexroad), b. 1919.

Benjamin (Dorothy Longennecker, Ada Nail, Helen Roslevy), b. 1921.

Dayton (Pearl Fletcher), b. 1923.

Donald (Margie Mullenax), b. 1927.

Roy, 1925-1938. Buried in Glendale Cemetery, Flintstone, Md.

Flossie, d. Buried in Glendale Cemetery.

Bernard (Linda Wright), b. 1929.

Arvella (Wade Turbin), b. 1932.

Helen (Richard Day), b. 1934.



Edward S. May and wife, Nina Teeter, Ed was born in the Lost River vicinity of Virginia. Married in 1907. Buried in Glendale Cemetery, Flintstone, Md.

Children of Weston May and Lucille Sullivan

5—Florence. By 2nd m., Louise, Carol, James, Cynthia. 2 dead.

Children of Harvey May and Doris Kelker

5—Harvey, Jr., Richard.

Children of Frank May

5—Hazel, Ronald, Eleonor. 2 dead.

Children of Oscar May

5—Mary Jane, Ruth Ann, Margaret, Edward, Michael, Charles, Donna Jean.

Children of Benjamin May

5—Irene. By 3rd wife, Helen, Linda.

Children of Dayton May

5—Gloria, Patricia, Darlene, Shirley, Dayton, Jr.

Children of Donald May

5—Donald, Jr., Geraldine, Joan, Janet.

Child of Arvella May

5—Dale.

Children of Helen May

5—Wilma, Wannitta.

Children of Benjamin Y. S. Teter and Emily C. Nelson

3—Lula Nelson (George E. Self, d. 1958), b. 1895, d. 1934. Buried in Glendale Cemetery

Benjamin F. (Elsie Messersmith, b. 1904), b. 1897. Elsie, daughter of Sherman Messersmith, Emma Leasure. Granddaughter of Alexander Messersmith, Tobitha May and Riley Leasure, Ida Smith.

Emily C. Nelson Teeter (R.) and daughter, Emma Jane Teeter Imes. Both deceased and buried in Glendale Cemetery.



Emma Jane (Albert H. Imes), b. 1899, d. 1932.

James McKinley (Elsie Wimer), b. 1902.

Henry H. (Viola Sponaugle), 1905-1954. Buried in Glendale Cemetery.

Andy, d. age 2 yrs. Buried in Turner Graveyard, Pendleton Co., W. Va.

Samuel C. (Betty Imes, Alice Morrison), 1911-1957. Buried in Glendale Cemetery.

Annie Belle, 1914-1916. Moved from Dolly Cemetery to Glendale Cemetery.

Vera (Hobert Smith, Lewis Baker), b. 1917.

Genevieve (Calvin Singleton), b. 1920.

Children of Lula Nelson



George E. Self's family of Smokehole, W. Va., including B. Y. S. Teeter. Photo taken by B. F. Teeter about 1922. Front row: Alvin Franklin Self, Vernie Golden Self, Vicie J. Self, Willie F. Self with calf, (Center) Lula Nelson Self. Back row: George E. Self, B. Y. S. Teeter.

- 4—Verna Golden (Ford Ash), b. 1911.
 Willie Floyd, b. 1913. Saw service in World War II.
 Vicie J. (Glenn Kimble), b. 1915. Buried in Glendale Cemetery.
 Alvin Franklin (Helen Ruth Summerville), b. 1917.
 Jonas Edwards (Cora Kessel, Nellie Mae Whorts), b. 1920.
 Zernie Alice (Enoch Lester VanMeter, b. 1906), b. 1923.
 Cleatis Miner (Ethel Miller), b. 1925.
 Raymond Henry (Joan Moore), b. 1927.
 Earl Fitch (Patricia Smith), b. 1930.
 Mildred Leona (Daniel M. Mooney), b. 1932.
 Zella Marie, died at birth with mother, 1934.

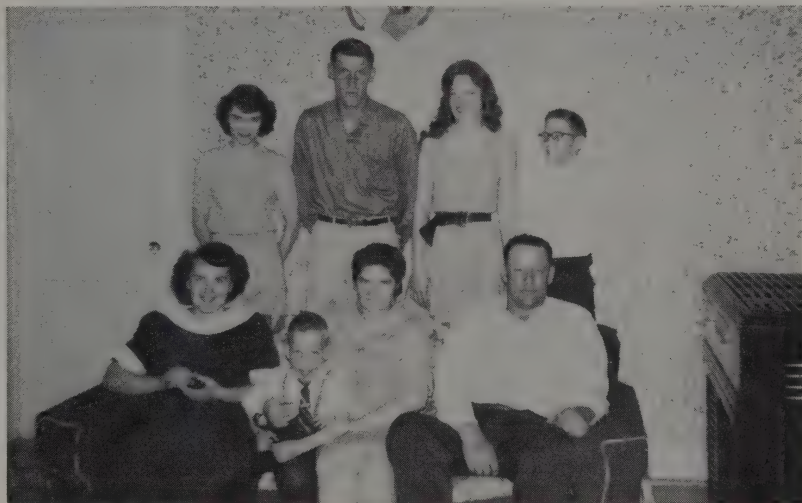


*Lula Nelson Self
and her daughter,
Mildred Self.*

Child of Vicie J. Self and Glen Kimble

- 5—Alice May, b. 1933.

Children of Alvin Franklin Self



Alvin F. Self's family in 1961, Flintstone, Md. Back row: Betty, Francis, Goldie, Russell. Front row: Patricia, Carl, Ruth, Alvin F.

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| 5—Patricia Ann, b. 1936. | Goldie Marie, b. 1942. |
| Betty Lou, b. 1938. | Russell Henry, b. 1949. |
| Francis Lee, b. 1940. | Earl Eugene, b. 1956. |

Children of Jonas Edwards Self

- 5—Levon Francis, b. 1944.
 Joseph Edwards, b. 1945.

Children of Zernie Alice Self and Enoch VanMeter

- | | |
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| 5—Hazel Marie (Jackie Pifer), b. 1941. | Janet Louise, b. 1944. |
| Dorsilee, b. 1943. | |

Children of Cletis Miner Self

- 5—Sandra, Caye, Donna, Jean, Carlyn Ann, Larry Allen, Steve.

Child of Mildred Self

- 5—Gregory, b. 1957.



B. F. Teeter and wife, Elsie Messersmith, Flintstone, Md., 1961.

*40 years,
8 children,
20 grand-
children.*



B. F. Teeter and Elsie Teeter—1920.



Home place of B. F. Teeter, Flintstone, Md.—1935. B. F. Teeter and frozen trophy.



Miss Elsie Messersmith, Piney Grove, Md.—1920.



Mary L. Teeter—1961.



C. F. Teeter and wife, Allene Hanson, Great Falls, Mont.



Home of B. F. Teeter, Flintstone, Md.—1955. B. F. Teeter and Mary Teeter with 8 Bass.

Benjamin F. Teeter, born in Grant County, W. Va. Lived in Grant and Pendleton Counties until 16 years old. During that time attended school about 200 days. Moved to Flintstone, Md. Received diploma from the three-year high school in 1916. Attended school at Blue Ridge College, 1916 and 1917. Served one year in Army during World War I. Returned to Blue Ridge College in 1926. Graduated from Elizabethtown College, 1928.

Attended four summer school sessions at University of Maryland. Taught several years in country one-room schools and one year in high school. Has been engaged in work as farming, merchant, lumbering and insurance agent. Loves to fish and hunt.

Children of Benjamin F. Teeter and Elsie Messersmith

4—Dorothy O. (Carl Sack), b. 1921. Lives in California.

Dr. Benjamin T. (Lois Marie Crouse, music teacher), b. 1922. Lois M., daughter of Clifton G. Crouse and Ester King of Queen Ann, Md. Granddaughter of Daniel K. Crouse, Emma Gibbel, Milton F. King, Annie Bucher.

All grandparents were of Pennsylvania Dutch descent and moved from eastern Pa. to Eastern Shore of Md., in early adult life. Lived around Denton, Rigley and Queen Ann.

Olie K. (Montre Beck), b. 1924. Postmaster, Flintstone, Md. In service during World War II.

Mildred Virginia (Joe Cowan), b. 1927. Both are licensed beauticians, operating their beauty shop at Long Beach, California.

Joseph Jesse (Shirley Westfall), b. 1932. Shirley, daughter of Lon Westfall and Alverta Harman. Granddaughter of Jasper Westfall and Pallie Harman. Other foreparents on the paternal side refer to foreparents of Pallie Harman. Joe served in Korean War. Staff Sergeant, served as flight engineer on B-25. Re-enlisted, holding same rank in 1957.

Paul E. (Dorothy Motice), b. 1933. Steelworker, East Canton, Ohio. Dorothy, daughter of John Motice and Elsie B. Weber. Grand-

daughter of John Calvin Mottice, Ellen VanVoriss, Frederick Weber and Bertha Inwinklered.

Chester Franklin (Allene Hanson, of Mont., Nurse), b. 1937. In service 1960. Stationed at Radar Center, Great Falls, Mont.

(For picture see page 20, bottom right)

Mary Louise, b. 1944. Pupil in Flintstone High School in 1960.

Children of Dorothy O. Teeter and Carl Sack



L. to R.—1960: Robert Carl (Bobby) Sack of California, Carl Sack of California, Gertrude Kostel Sack of Philadelphia, Dorothy Teeter Sack from California, Mary L. Teeter of Flintstone, Maryland, Elsie Messersmith Teeter of Flintstone, Maryland, Carla Jean Sack (front) of California.

All visiting at the home of B. F. Teeter, Flintstone, Md. The Sacks had spent one year in Japan, and were visiting in Maryland and Pennsylvania.

5—Robert Carl, b. 1947.

Carla Jean, b. 1950.

Dr. Benjamin T. Teeter was inducted into service in World War II, during his sophomore year at the University of Maryland. Served as Technical Sergeant in the branch of engineers. Saw service in Austria, France and Germany with General Patton's Army. Upon being discharged from service, he entered Georgetown University, Washington, D. C. After receiving his Bachelor Degree in 1948, continued his studies for one year. He then started teaching at the University while continuing his studies. Received his Master's Degree in 1950. Continued as a student and teacher at the same University until he received the Doctor's Degree in 1956. In 1956, he secured employment through civil service, by appointment, as Economic Statistician, Bureau of the Budget, Office of the President, U. S.

Children of Benjamin T. Teeter

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5—Benjamin R., b. 1947.

David, b. 1948.

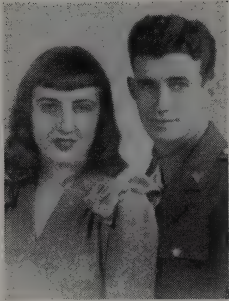
Larry, b. 1949.

Janis, b. 1951.

Linda, b. 1954.

Michael, b. 1959.

John, b. 1960.



*Benjamin T. Teeter
in World War II
and fiancée,
Lois Marie Crouse.*



*Olie K. Teeter and
wife, Montrie Beck.
Postmaster of
Flintstone, Md.*

Children of Olie K. Teeter and Montre Beck

- 5—Olie K., Jr., b. 1947.
Gragrie, b. 1952.

Children of Mildred V. Teeter and Joe Cowan



*Joe Cowan and Mildred Teeter Cowan,
beauticians, 3183 Josie Avenue, Long Beach 8,
California. Front to back: Lori Lynn Cowan,
Debra Jo Cowan, Allan Roger Cowan, Mildred
Teeter Cowan, Joe Cowan.*

- 5—Allen R., b. 1952.
Debra, b. 1954.
Lori Lynn, b. 1959.

Children of Joseph J. Teeter and Shirley Westfall

Joseph Teeter and family, Columbus, Ohio. L. Joseph Teeter, Shirley and baby, Sharon. Front row: Jerry, Gary, Connie.

5—Connie, b. 1955.

Jerry, b. 1957.

Gary, b. 1959.

Sharon Lynn.

Children of Paul E. Teeter and Dorothy Mottice

5—Thomas Paul, b. 1952.

Dennis Wayne, b. 1954.

Child of Emma Jane Teeter and Albert H. Imes

4—Iva (Carl Hilligas), 1921-1944. Buried in Glendale Cemetery. 2 children.



Ivy Imes Hilligas, daughter of Emma Jane Teeter and Albert H. Imes.

Children of James McKinley Teeter and Elsie Wimer

4—McKinley A. (Hester Tusing), b. 1922.

Kenneth Owen (Genett Elliott), b. 1925.

Leonard Herman, b. 1929. Drowned in 1931.

Donald Eugene (Carol Chandler, of England), b. 1932.

Child of McKinley Teeter and Hester Tusing

5—Richard McKinley, b. 1942.

Child of Kenneth Teeter

5—Lorren Lee, b. 1952.

Children of Henry H. Teeter and Viola Sponaugle

4—Lenore (Derwood Roland), b. 1923.

Richard L. (Helen Wills, Naoma Heavner), b. 1925.

Junior H. (Yvonne Heffner, of Texas), b. 1927.

Herman L., b. 1933.

Carolyn, b. 1947.

Child of Lenore Teeter and Derwood Roland

Derwood Roland, wife Lenora Teeter, daughter Shirley. Flintstone, Md.—1961.

- 5—Shirley Louise, b. 1945.

Children of Richard L. Teeter and Helen Wills

- 5—Richard Lee, b. 1949.

Robert A., b. 1950.

Children of Junior H. Teeter and Yvonne Heffner

- 5—Doris Elaine, b. 1950.

Cheryl Lynn, b. 1951.

Child of Samuel Curtis Teeter and Bettie Imes

- 4—George. Discharged from service in 1956. Shot and killed by his buddy, Elroy Penna, in California in 1958. Buried in Pa.

Children of Samuel Curtis Teeter and Alice Morrison

- 4—Jack Wayne, b. 1952.

William Harry, b. 1954.

Children of Vera Teeter and Hobert Smith

Hobert Smith and wife, Vera Teeter.



Hobe Smith and wife, Vera Teeter, with son, Hobert Eugene and daughter, Emma Jane.

- 4—Hobert Eugene (Anna Margaret Rogers, b. 1939), b. 1936. Anna, daughter of George Rogers and Marie Anna Theiss, of Baltimore, Md. Emma Jane (Merle Glenn Barnes, of Artemas, Pa., b. 1937), b. 1939.

Children of Emma Jane Smith and Merle Barnes

- 5—Merle Allen, b. 1955.
Victor Glenn, b. 1956.

Children of Genevieve Teeter and Calvin Singleton

- 4—David (Dorothy Grimm, b. 1938), b. 1936, m. 1958. Finished four years of service in Air Force, re-enlisted for 6 years more in 1958.
Ralph, b. 1938, d. 1951, cancer of blood. Buried in Glendale Cemetery.
Freddie (Melaine Wilmont), b. 1940.
Teddy, Gerald, Goldie, b. 1945.

Child of Freddie Singleton and Melaine Wilmont

- 5—Helen, b. 1958.

End of the Teter Line.

WIMER

Philip Wimer settled on East Dry Run in Pendleton County in 1784.

- 1—Philip Wimer's Children.
 2—Elizabeth (Henry Simmons). Margaret (George Harper).
 Catherine (Ambrose Phares). Philip (Mary Hoover, Germany).
 Susan (Robert Phares). George (Christiana Rexroad).
 Barbara (John Sponaugle). Henry (Judy, Hedrick).

Line of Philip Wimer and Mary Hoover

- 3—William. Matilda (Samuel Mullenax).
 Peter (Sarah Strawder, Ellen Kile). Sidney (Thomas Higgins,
 Ephraim (Ellen Harold). Ireland).
 Jacob (Margaret Wimer). Mary A. (George Harold).
 Aaron (Elizabeth Simmons). Lucinda (Isaac Strawder).

Children of Jacob Wimer and Margaret Wimer

- 4—Charles (Ella Harper).
 Fleetwood (Maud Hinkle). Alice.
 Jane (George R. Lambert). Ambrose (? Nestor).

Children of Fleetwood

- 5—Ethel, Zura.

End of the information on Philip Wimer's Line.

Line of George Wimer and Christiana Rexroad

- 3—Emaniul (Sidney Waybright).
 Nicholas. Margaret (Jacob Wimer).
 George (Elizabeth Calhoun). Catherine (Adam Phares).
 Solomon, d. young. Sarah (Wesley Simmons).
 Benjamin. Killed in Civil War. Elizabeth (Henry Wimer, Jr.).

Elizabeth Wimer's descendants will be continued under the line of Henry Wimer, because of the marriage to his son, Henry, Jr.

End of the information on George Wimer's Line.

Line of Henry Wimer

- 3—Philip.
 Andrew (? Sponaugle). Henry (Elizabeth Wimer),
 Cornelius (? Waybright). and 3 others.

Children of Henry Wimer, Jr.

- 4—Phoebe (Tommy Harman, his Betty (Samuel Cooper).
 first wife). Judith (Joseph Summerville).
 Susan (Tommy Harman, his Margaret (Absolom Nelson, Sr.).
 second wife). John (Linda Raines).
 Sidney (Samuel Teter). Henry (? ?). Moved to Ill.

Children of Phoebe Wimer and Tommy Harman

- 5—Henry (? Harper).
 Scinda (B. F. Helmick). Adam (Eve Bible, sister to J. W. Bible).
 Betta. Not married.
 Lydia. Not married. Abraham (Caroline McDonald).
 Cyrus (Jenny Lawrence). Ike.

Much information is lacking about the descendants of Phoebe Wimer's eight children. Several years ago, Abraham Harman moved to the vicinities of Flintstone and Oldtown, Md. He was later killed on the railroad. His oldest and only child living, Mrs. Pallie Lough, lives near Flintstone. It is from her and some of her children that I have gotten the following information.

Children of Cyrus

- 6—Carry, Minnie.

Children of Adam

- 6—Bessie, d. age 12.
 Mollie (Scott Miller).

Children of Mollie and Scott Miller

- 7—Nola, Glenn, Bessie.

Children of Abraham Harman and Caroline McDonald

- 6—Pallie (Jasper Westfall, William P. Lough). Clerance (Bertha Harper).
 Clara (Jobe Bible). Omer (Effie Thompson).
 Julius, d. age 20, with flux. Owen (Annie Swisher).
 Walter (Bertha Harman). Montie (Annie ?).
 Hesper (? ?).

Children of Pallie Harman and Jasper Westfall

- 7—Nora (Lewis D. Strawser's 2nd wife).
 May (Guy Bucy, Flintstone, Md.), b. 1898.
 Lon (Verdie Harman), b. 1899.
 Fred (Emma Bucy, Kay Bewak).
 Don (Mrs. Ruth McElfish). No children.
 Lessie (Jack Sanders, R. O. Berry). No children.

Children of Nora Westfall and Lewis D. Strawser

- 8—William (?).
 Charles (Thelma ?).
 Dayton (Louis ?). Have one daughter.
 Marie (James Green).
 Cecil (Nina Imes).

Children of William Strawser

- 9—Robert, James, Linda, Bruce.

Children of Charles

- 9—Tommy, and others.

Children of Marie

- 9—Barbary, Nora Lee, William, Donald.

Children of Cecil Strawser and Nina Imes

- 9—Carol, Sherran, Linda, Freddie, Gary, Roger, Jeffrey, one dead.

Children of May Westfall and Guy Bucy

- 8—Elmer (Dorothy ?).
 Edith (Johnny Shipaway). Emma (Grant Smith). Have 2
 Nora (James Smith). children.
 Louis (Betty Chaney). Elsie (?). Have 5 children.
 Have one boy, Sonny. Eva (?). Have 2 children.
 Elden (?). Have 3 sons. Mary (?). Have 1 child.
 Eunice (Paul Smith). Etta, b. 1941.

Children of Elmer

- 9—Cheryl, Patty, Emma, Rickey, Debbie, Dianna, William P., 2 others.

Children of Edith

- 9—Virginia (? Puffenberger).
 Ronnie (Beverley Puffenberger).

Children of Nora

- 9—Jimmy, Elane, Gaie, one other girl.

Children of Eunice

- 9—Pauline, Paul, Paulette, Paula.

Children of Lon Westfall

- 8—Mildred (Leonard Leggett).
 Have 3 children. Ted.
 Donald. Robert.
 Evelyn (Marshall Bennett). Shirley (Joseph J. Teeter).
 1 child. Larry, b. 1946.

Children of Donald

- 9—Bruce, Sunda.

Children of Robert

- 9—Lonny, girl.

Children of Shirley

- 9—Connie Jo, b. 1955.
 Joseph Jerald, b. 1957.

Children of Fred

- 8—Robert and Freddie, by 1st marriage.
 Dewane, Wanda, Jean, Tonnie, Pallie, by 2nd marriage.

Children of Pallie Harman and William P. Lough

William P. Lough son of Isaac Lough and Mary Miley. Grandson of Adam Lough and Eve Miller.

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- 7—Broze (Hilda Mae Leasure, b. 1916), b. 1909.
 Gaie Mildred (Jack H. Weber), b. 1911.
 Robert (Pearl McKenzie), b. 1912.
 Joy Blanche (Lawrence Ballow, b. 1916), b. 1915.
 Ruth Dale (Walter Weise, b. 1910), b. 1918.
 William Hansom (Dorothy Perdue), b. 1919. Daughter of Charles Calvin Perdue and Bessie Clingerman.
 Gladys Jesse (Paul Vernon Appel, b. 1918, d. 1958), b. 1920.
 Walter Abraham (Alma Jean Summerville, b. 1925), b. 1922. Daughter of Charles W. Summerville and Cecilla M. Hood.



Standing L. to R.: Ruth Lough Wise, Mary Teeter, Walter Wise. Seated L. to R.: Pallie Harman Lough, Wm. P. Lough, B. F. Teeter.

Child of Broze Lough and Hilda Mae Leasure

- 8—Kenneth Lee (Margaret Darlene McCoy), b. 1936.

Child of Kenneth Lee Lough and Margaret Darlene McCoy

- 9—Darlene Lee, b. 1960.

Children of Walter Lough

- 8—Richard Allen, b. 1949.
Debra Jean, b. 1957.
Walter Dennis, b. 1947.

Child of Ruth Dale

- 8—Walter Wilson, b. 1937.

Child of William Hansom

- 8—Donald.

Child of Gladys

- 8—Paul Vernon Appel, Jr.

Children of Gaie Mildred

- 8—J. Gaie, William, Henry, Johnny Harrington, Charles Eugene.

Children of Robert Lough

- 8—Sharen, Larry Allen, Stephen Lee, Thomas.

Children of Blanche

- 8—Doris Joanne, Norma Jeane, Larry Steven.

Children of Clara Harman and Jobe Bible

- 7—Russell, Austin, Frank, Dot.

Child of Walter

- 7—Casper, d. young.

Children of Clerance

- 7—Harper, Cleda, Stanley, Robert.

Children of Omer

- 7—Grethel, Opal, Carl.

Children of Hesper

7—Hesper, Jerald, Hilda, Margaret, Edward, Mabel, Hazel.

End of information of Phoebe Wimer's descendants.

SUSAN WIMER

After the death of Phoebe Wimer, her husband, Tommy Harman, married Susan, another Wimer sister. The 21 children of Tommy Harman and the two Wimer sisters were first cousins of father's as his mother too was another Wimer sister.

Annie Rebecca Morral of Clearville, Pa., is one of two survivors of her generation in 1960. She is 95 years old. She supplied much of the information pertaining to the Wimers contained herein. She lived for many years on the Foreknobs of the Alleghany in Pendleton County. She and several of her children now live in and around Clearville, Pa.

Children of Susan Wimer and Tommy Harman

5—George (Mary Hinkle).	
Riley (Lizzy Hinkle).	Martha (? Bergdoll). Moved to Oklahoma.
Titus, d. age 17 years.	
Kenneth (Etta Mallow). Moved to Oklahoma, d. 1957.	Myrtle (Harman Bell. Shot in Jordan Run Gap).
Omer (Zernie Harman).	Annie (Wilbur Stonestreet).
Mary (William Mallow).	Zernie (Hoy Kisermore). No children. Moved to Oklahoma, d. in Oklahoma.
Jane (Joe Miller).	Della, d. young.
Anna Rebecca (Johnad Morral), b. 1865.	

Children of Jane Harman and Joseph Miller

6—Gilbert (Vertie Nelson).	Girl, d. infant.
Eva Lena (Eston Mallow), b. 1888. Moved in 1949 from Timber Ridge to Chaneyville, Pa.	Iva (Bernie Armantrout). Lives at Mouth of Seneca.
Artie (Baxter Hedrick).	Willie Isaac (Winnie Armantrout), b. 1901.

Children of Gilbert Miller and Vertie Nelson

7—Austin (Leah Feters).
Carl (Mrs. Genevieve Lashley).

Children of Austin Miller and Leah Feters

8—Dena, Verna, James Roberts.

Child of Carl Miller

8—Sandra.

Children of Artie Miller and Baxter Hedrick

7—Ella (? ?), b. 1893. Have children.
Roy (Dovie Mallow). Have children.
Hansen (Virginia Harper). No children.
Hazel, d. age 19 years.
Hugh. Lives in Ohio.
Dice (? Harman). Have children.
Bettie (Wright Harper). Have children.
Joseph (Pauline Harper). No children.
Ronald, d. young.

Children of Iva Miller and Bernie Armantrout

- 7—Olive (Clyde Vance). Have children.
 Dwight (? ?). Have children.
 Norma. Operates a used car lot in Washington, D. C.
 Josie (? McDaniels). Have children.
 Doris. Works in Washington, D. C.
 Blair, Karen, Norma, Max.

Children of Willie Isaac Miller and Winnie Armantrout

- 7—Eula (Frank Piscitella). Have children.
 Guy (Nancy Teter). Have children.

Children of Martha Harman and Joseph Bergdoll of Oklahoma

- 6—Verda, Eston, Ray, Oscar, Omer, May, Edna, Hettie.

Children of Anna Rebecca Harman and Johnad Morral

- 6—Gilbert (Emma Miller), b. 1884.
 Bessie, 1888-1958. Lived with mother at Clearville, Pa., single.
 Julia (Ken Kisamore), b. 1888.
 Delphia (Riley Mallow), b. 1890.
 Irving (Pearl Barkman), b. 1892.
 Olie (Zetta Yokum), b. 1894.
 Algie (Mary Sparks), b. 1896.
 James (Stella Hill), b. 1898.
 Nola (Robert Morris), b. 1900.
 Arlie (Irene Morris), b. 1902.
 Wilmer, died of diphtheria at age 16 years.
 Polly, died of diphtheria at age 3 years.
 Denton (Bertha Holmer). Lives near Clearville, Pa.

Children of Gilbert Morral and Emma Miller

- 7—Guy (? Campbell).
 Golden (?).
 Johnny (Bertha Wright).
 Josephene Emma (Benjamin Powers).

Children of Guy

- 8—Phyllis, Gerry.

Children of Golden

- 8—Billy, Elane Ruth, Dennis.

Children of Johnny

- 8—Gery, Dennie, Joyce Emma, Linda May, Johnny, Jr.

Children of Josephine Emma

- 8—Benjamin, Jr., Barbara.

Children of Julia

- 7—Austin (Mae Mills).
 Melvin (Pearl Grove).

Children of Austin

- 8—Hope, b. 1945.
 Herbert, b. 1950.

Children of Melvin

- 8—Algie, b. 1934.
 Donna, b. 1944.

Children of Delphia

- 7—Ray, Golden, Earl, Myrtle, Velma, Carolyn.

Children of Irving

- 7—Cathleen (George Clingerman).
 Bobby Clayton (Barbara Mills).
 Herbert Allen (Lois Hite).

Children of Cathleen

- 8—George, Irving, Christena, Rebecca, Ruth.

Children of Bobby Clayton

- 8—Janie, Rebecca, Charles Lee, James Irving.

Children of Herbert Allen

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| 8—Debra Ann, b. 1955. | Jeffery Allen, b. 1957. |
| Susan Cleo, b. 1956. | Caren Jean, b. 1958. |

Children of Olie Morral and Zetta Yokum

- 7—Joy (Herbert Harper).
 Hope (Herman Luzier).

Children of Joy

- 8—Bobby Jean, Jannett Lou, Lennie, Shonlidell.

Children of Hope

- 8—Linda, Sue, Julia Ann.

Children of James Morral and Stella Hill

- 7—Clyde, Arline, Audry.

Children of Nola Morral and Robert Morris

- 7—Bruce, Cathryn, Ross.

Children of Arlie Morral

- 7—Eugene (?).
 Roy (Audry Layton). No children.

Child of Eugene

- 8—Gary.

Children of Denton Morral and Bertha Holmer

- 7—Tommy Clayton, Johnny Ray, Helen Joan, Sammy Lee.

Annie Harman died at her home on the Foreknobs of the Alleghany, in Pendleton County, W. Va. Her husband later moved to Flintstone, Md., taking most of the children with him. Most of them still live in the vicinity of Flintstone.

Children of Annie Harman and Wilmer Stonestreet

- 6—Virgie (? Bush), b. 1902. No children. Lives in Roswell, N. M.
 Mabel (Jacob S. Teter), b. 1904. Lives near Flintstone, Md.
 Hazel (George Bottenfield, deceased), b. 1906. Teacher in Flintstone.
 Guy (Ethel Littlefield), b. 1908. Lives near Flintstone, Md.
 Gay (Hazel Bender), b. 1910. Lives near Flintstone, Md.
 Earl, b. 1912, single. Lives near Flintstone, Md.

Children of Mabel Stonestreet and Jacob S. Teter

- 7—Gale (Millard Creek), b. 1926. Lives at Hancock, Md.
 Gene G. (Mary C. Robinett), b. 1928. Lives near Flintstone, Md.
 Gary Leon (Willedean Liller), b. 1930. Lives near Flintstone, Md.
 Angela (Leo Mallow), b. 1932. Lives near Flintstone, Md.
 Joan (James Edward Browning), b. 1934. Lives near Flintstone, Md.

Children of Gale Teter and Millard Creek

- 8—Donald, b. 1949.
Wayne, b. 1954.

Children of Gene Teter

- 8—Linda, b. 1953.
Mary Jo, b. 1954.
Carol, b. 1955.
Jeannie, b. 1956.

Child of Gary Leon Teter

- 8—Randal Lee.

Children of Angela Teter

- 8—Susan Marie, b. 1956.
Rebecca, b. 1957.

Children of Joan Teter and James E. Browning

- 8—James Edward, b. 1956.

End of Susan Wimer's descendants.

BETTY WIMER, another sister of Sidney Wimer

Children of Betty Wimer and Samuel Cooper

- 5—William, Martin, Lavina, and others.

Children of Lavina and ? Rohrbaugh

- 6—Will (? Moyers).
Dan (Janie VanMeter).
Cris (Mary Burgess).

End of Betty Wimer's descendants.

JUDITH WIMER, another sister of Sidney Wimer

Children of Judith Wimer and Joseph Summerville

- 5—Cass, Sidney. Other information lacking.

End of the Wimer family.

NELSON

Thomas Nelson, the father, and John Nelson, the son, moved from Kentucky, and settled in that part which is now Pendleton County, W. Va., in 1771.

John secured an 8 acre tract of land by patent. In 1887, he bought 197 acres on North Fork. When over 60 years old, he rode horseback to Kentucky, to visit a half brother and sister. He had no brother or sister in West Virginia. In 1782, he, with others, presented claims to the State of Virginia, for payment for materials that they had supplied the Continental Army during the Revolutionary War.

The writer does not know if Thomas Nelson was American born or if he came to Kentucky from England.

The names of the children that remained in Kentucky are not known.

It could be assumed that Thomas was rather old when he moved to W. Va., since there is no record that he secured land by patent or by purchase.

1—Thomas Nelson (Martha ?). Father of John Nelson.

2—*Children of John Nelson and Sarah Sterns*

3—John, Jr. (? ?). Moved to Ohio.

Isaac (Elizabeth McCartney, m. 1799, Kate Pennington, m. 1827).

William (Margaret McCartney, sister of Elizabeth). Moved to Ind.

Absolom (Jenny McCartney, another sister).

Benham (Susannah Wilfong), d. on North Fork in 1813.

Solomon.

Jonathan (Hannah Harrar, of Kentucky).

Elijah (Mary M. Kinkead, Mrs. Henry Judy).

Winnie (Thomas Summerville).

Girl (? Wyatt).

Girl (? Summerville).

Benjamin (Delphia Arbaugh). Moved to Ohio.

Hannah (Joseph Mallow), m. in 1821.

Line of Isaac and Elizabeth McCartney

4—Jesse (Susannah Wilfong), m. 1821. Moved to Ill.

Daniel (Eliza Nelson, Catherine Lambert).

Solomon (? Cunningham).

Susan (James Lambert).

Hannah (? Lambert).

Elijah (Hannah Nelson, Catherine Wilfong).

Jobe (Amanda Wilfong), 1819-1894.

William (? Summerville, Sidney Jordan, Mary E. Blizzard).

Isaac J. (Susan Porter).

Eve (Jacob Vandevner).

Sarah (Westly Blizzard).

Prudence (Joseph Arbogas).

Rhua (Robert Nelson, John Turner).

Mary (Obediah Lambert, Daniel Hedrick).

Children of Daniel Nelson

5—Samuel P. (Felecia Lambert,

Mary A. Keister).

Elizabeth (James Lambert).

Jane (Jesse Lambert).

Ellen (John White).

Morrison (? ?).

Elijah, Eli, Daniel and 9 others.

Children of Elijah Nelson

- 5—Jane (Conrad Taylor).
 Evelyn (Martin Hedrick).
 Samuel K. (Elizabeth King).

By 2nd marriage:
 Lucinda (John Smith).
 Edward (Mrs. ? Pirkey, of Va.).
 Mary S.

Children of Jobe Nelson

- 5—Jacob W. (Huldah Raines).
 Isabelle (James W. Bible).
 Stewart (Mary E. Wilfong).
 Mary J. (Seymour McDonald).

Sarah E. (Isaac J. Nelson).
 Joseph W. (Martha A. Hedrick).
 Susan E. (Martin Vandeventer).
 Janetta (Caleb Sheets).

Children of Jacob W. Nelson

- 6—Walter (Lottie Warner).
 Howard (Mamie Nelson).

Lottie (Pinkney).
 Caddie (Otterbain Kline).

Children of Stewart Nelson

- 6—Jacob.
 Charles C. (Lora L. Nelson,
 Cora V. Stoutermire).
 Maud (Jonathan Nelson).

Julia.
 Mamie (Howard Nelson).
 Earnest.
 Clifton P.

Children of Joseph W. Nelson

- 6—Otterbein.
 Claudius (Una Stump).
 Minnie (Elmer Ketterman).

Solon, Martin, Grover, Garnett,
 Gordon, Herman.

Children of William Nelson and Sidney Jordan

- 5—Adam, b. 1850.
 Rachel (George Simmons), and 3 others.

Children of Isaac J. Nelson and Susan Porter

- 5—Manda (Adonijah Jordan).
 Jobe (Catherine Mallow).
 Sarah J. (Ada Sponaule).

Hester (William Jordan).
 Rosanna (Benjamin Mallow).
 Jacob L. (Rena Lantz).

End of Isaac Nelson's Line.

Line of Absalom Nelson and Jenny McCartney

- 4—Abel (Sarah S. Nelson), 1808-1878.
 Sarah, d. age 28 years.
 Amanda (John Turner).

Elizabeth (Samuel Bonner).
 Eliza (Jacob Wilfong).

Children of Abel Nelson and Sarah S. Nelson

- 5—Elizabeth (William Arbaugh).
 Hannah C. (Isaac Arbaugh).
 Jonathan (Virginia Wilfong).
 Absalom (Margaret Wimer).
 Killed in the Civil War.

Elijah (Elizabeth Thompson).
 Benham (Elizabeth Thompson).
 William (Elizabeth Bland).
 Virginia (Marcellus Bennett).
 Five others died young.

ABSALOM NELSON AND MARGARET WIMER

Absalom Nelson, son of Abel Nelson, was a Great Grandson of the pioneer, John Nelson. It is said that he was a writer and a violinist. He, with three brothers, served with the South during the Civil War. He was the only one of the four brothers who did not live to return home. He

married Margaret Wimer, sister of the writer's Grandmother, Sidney Wimer Teter.

In course of time, his son, Absalom Nelson, Jr., with some of his children, moved to Chaneyville, Pa., and nearby vicinity. It was from his Granddaughters, Mrs. Retta Nelson Verbal and Mrs. Medie Nelson Talbott, that the information was received concerning the descendants of Absalom Nelson, Sr.

Children of Absalom Nelson and Margaret Wimer

6—Jeff, d. age 12 years.

Absalom Nelson, Jr. (Ida Clayton), 1863-1948. Buried in Hill Crest Cemetery.

Children of Absalom Nelson, Jr.

7—Margie (Thad Thompson), b. 1889.

Baxter (Media Raines), b. 1891. Buried in Rose Hill Cemetery, Cumberland, Md.

Alpha (Tom Pennybaker), b. 1892.

Medie (Howard Talbott), b. 1893. Howard buried in Hill Crest Cemetery.

Lela (Roy Teter), b. 1895.

Robert (Agnis McCollumb), b. 1897. Murdered in Cumberland, Md.

Carrie (M. C. Cornelius), b. 1898.

Ora (Gladys Wolford), b. 1900.

Retta (Charles "Bud" Verbal), b. 1903. Bud buried in Hill Crest Cemetery.

Nola (William Beal), b. 1907. Buried in Hill Crest Cemetery, near Cumberland, Md.

Jarvie (Bessie Bennett), b. 1911. Killed in motorcycle wreck.

Children of Margie Nelson and Thad Thompson

8—Marvin (? ?), b. 1912. Have 3 children.

Charles (? ?), b. 1914. Have 4 children.

Branson (Tressa Lambert), b. 1916. No children.

Darel (Doreen France, of England), b. 1918.

Children of Darel

9—Russell David, b. in England, 1945.

Margie Jannett, b. 1948.

Child of Baxter Nelson and Media Raines

8—Hazel (Earl Vance), b. 1915.

Children of Hazel

9—Carel, b. 1935.

Robert, b. 1937.

Betty, b. 1939.

Kenneth, b. 1941.

Earl, Jr., b. 1943.

Children of Alpha Nelson

8—John W. (Juanita Sweaker), b. 1913. No Children.

Ida Susan (Theodore Harold), b. 1918.

Children of Ida Susan

9—Robert Thomas, b. 1936.

Theodore Wyatt, b. 1943.

Children of Medie Nelson Talbott

- 8—Sharon (Reed Ash), b. 1919. Roy Mack (Vada Martin), b.
 Glenwood (Pearl Miller), b. 1921. 1927. No children.
 Robert Dempsey (Violet Ruthford), Evelyn Clesta (Johnny Howell),
 b. 1924. No children. b. 1929.

Child of Sharon and Reed Ash

- 9—Bob, b. 1940.

Children of Glenwood and Pearl Miller

- 9—Howard Rockwood, b. 1942.
 Nyoka K., b. 1951.

Child of Evelyn Clesta

- 9—Darlene.

Children of Lela Nelson and Roy Teter

- 8—Raymond (Unice McClung), b. 1915. Robert King (? ?), b. 1921.
 Edith (Robert Gumm), b. 1917. Ross (Louise Darnell), b. 1930.
 Roy Mack (Susan Cross), b. 1919. Betty (Paul Regester).

Children of Raymond

- 9—Paul, Earl, Elizabeth, David.

Children of Roy Mack

- 9—Susan (Don Arbagas).
 Mary.

Children of Susan

- 10—Donna, and another girl.

Child of Robert King

- 9—William.

Children of Ross

- 9—Juanita, Johnny.

Child of Betty

- 9—Nancy Regester, b. 1951.

Children of Robert Nelson

- 8—Roberta (Ronnie ?), b. 1935.
 Mildred (Jack Pencil), b. 1937.
 Robert, Jr., b. 1938.
 Mary Agnes, b. 1940.

Upon the death of their father, Robert Nelson, Roberta and Mary Agnes were raised by their aunt Nola. Mildred and Robert, Jr., were raised by their aunt Retta.

Child of Mildred

- 9—Tresa Carlene, b. 1957.

Child of Orie Nelson

- 8—Marie (Donald Perdew), b. 1930.

Children of Marie Nelson Perdew

- 9—Nancy, Donald, Jr., Debra.

Child of Retta

- 8—John Baxter Roy.

Children of John Baxter Roy

9—Retta V., b. 1950.

Mary Jane, b. 1954.

John B., Jr., b. 1952.

Lois Mildred, b. 1956.

The genealogy of Absalom Nelson and Margaret Wimer, written above, could have been placed in the Wimer family of this book. Margaret was a daughter of Henry Wimer and Elizabeth Wimer. Henry and Elizabeth Wimer were children of brothers, Henry, Sr., and George Wimer. Henry Wimer, Sr., and George Wimer were sons of the pioneer Philip Wimer.

Absalom Nelson, Sr., was a son of Abel Nelson and Sarah S. Nelson. Abel Nelson was a son of Absalom Nelson and Jenny McCartney and Sarah Nelson was a daughter of Jonathan Nelson and Hannah Harrar of Kentucky. Abel and Sarah's fathers were brothers and sons of the pioneer John Nelson and Sarah Sterns.

ELIJAH NELSON, son of Abel Nelson and Sarah S. Nelson

The following information concerning the descendants of Elijah Nelson was compiled by his granddaughter, Mrs. Russie Nelson Perrin. Russie, a widow, lives with her widowed mother and her son Earl and his family, near Chaneysville, Pa.

Children of Elijah Nelson and Elizabeth Thompson

6—Alice (Rennie Hinkle). Lived at Riverton, W. Va.

Johnad (Susana Dice).

Robert (Tryphenia Mallow).

Betty (W. Strite Hedrick).

Abel (Mary Jane Kisamore).

Elijah Franklin (Roberta Mallow), 1880-1948. Buried in Glendale Cemetery.

Sallie (Perry Hedrick, Franklin Helmick).

Lottie (Amby Waybright). Had children.

Vada (Milton Darnell).

Children of Alice Nelson and Kennie Hinkle

7—Lena (Lawson Bennett).

Eddie (? ?).

Marvin.

Gordon (Anna Rose). No children.

Clarence.

Lived at Rainsburg, Pa.

Willie, Charles Curtis, d. Young.

Children of Lena

8—Robert, Delmer.

Children of Eddie

8—Nellie, and others.

Children of Robert Nelson and Tryphenia Mallow

7—Vertie (Gilbert Miller), b. 1894.

Radie (Carson Hinkle), b. 1897. Lives at Elmira, N. Y.

Gilbert (Vera Hedrick, Mable Robinett, Helen Snider), b. 1899.

Russell (Ada Groves), b. 1913.

Children of Vertie Nelson and Gilbert Miller

8—Austin (Leah Feters).

Carl (Geneva Lashley). Have 2 children.

Children of Austin Miller and Leah Feters

9—Denna, Verna, James.

Child of Radie Nelson and Carson Hinkle

8—Have at least 1 child.

Children of Gilbert Nelson

- 8—Neva (Hayne Barkman). Had
 2 children. Evelyn.
 Belva (Holly Mallow). Virgil.
 Ruth (James Hall). Girl, burned to death.

Children of Belva

- 9—Ivadean, Arthor.
 By 2nd wife, Girl d. infant.

Children of Russell Nelson and Ada Groves

- 8—Betty, Fay, Shirley, Robert.

Children of Abel, son of Elijah Nelson

- 7—Floda (Isaac Thompson).
 Lula (Rollie Smith). Have children.
 Grant (? ?). Had several children.
 Peachie.

Children of Floda Nelson and Isaac Thompson

- 8—Rosco, Golden, and others.

Children of Sallie Nelson

- 7—Clay Hedrick (Vivie Mallow).
 By 2nd husband Clarence.
 Chancy (Amanda Hook), d. 1957. Myrtle (Conda Davis).

Children of Clay Hedrick and Vivie Mallow

- 8—Ray (Donna Valentine).
 Perry Fray (Helen Feters).
 Carl (Ila Sipes).

Children of Ray Hedrick

- 9—Floy, Darchy.

Child of Perry Fray

- 9—Darline.

Children of Carl Hedrick

- 9—Roger, Anna Belle, Sharon.

Children of Chancy Helmick

- 8—Florence, Dessie, Donald, Franklin.

Child of Clarence Helmick

- 8—Emma (William Davis).

Children of Emma

- 9—Marvin, Vicie, Richard, Floyd, and others.

Children of Myrtle and Conda Davis

- 8—Sally, and others.

Children of Vadie Nelson and Milton Darnell

- 7—Lelly, d. with Flu in 1918.
 Baston, and others.

Children of Johnad Nelson and Susanna Dice

- 7—Forest (? ?). Lectie. Living at
 Rellie (Green Bennett). Philadelphia, Pa.
 Virgil (? ?). Delmer.

Children of Rellie Nelson

- 8—Ruth (Charles Mallow).
John.

Children of Betty Nelson and W. Strite Hedrick

- 7—Vera (Gilbert Nelson).
Ethel (Arlie Mallow).
Burlin (? ?).
Lora (Stanley Twigg).
Jessie.
Vallie (Luther Zimbower).
- Roxie (Toney ?).
Mary.
Emory.
Clinton, b. 1922.
Gerald.

Children of Vera Hedrick and Gilbert Nelson

- 8—Neva (Hayne Barkman. Killed while cutting timber). Have 2 children.
Belva (Hollie Mallow).
Evelyn.
Ruth.
Virgil.
Girl, burned to death.

Children of Belva and Hollie Mallow

- 9—Ivanine, Arthor.

Children of Ethel Hedrick and Arlie Mallow

- 8—Velma (Edwin Gnegy). Have children.
Floyd (? Huffman).
Carl (? Miller).

Children of Elijah Franklin Nelson and Roberta Mallow

- 7—Russie (John Perrin, 1889-1943), b. 1906.
Ella (Grafton Imes), b. 1908.

Child of Russie Nelson

- 8—Earl Nelson (Janet Clark, b. 1924), b. 1922.

Children of Earl Nelson

- 9—Dewane, b. 1943.
Donald Leroy, b. 1945, d. infant. Buried in Glendale Cemetery.
Denver, b. 1948.
Robert, b. 1949.
Betty, b. 1950.
Ruth, b. 1953.

Children of Ella Nelson and Grafton Imes

- 8—Mable (William Borrell), b. 1927.
Lewis (Nellie Chester, of Kentucky).

Children of Lewis

- 9—Gary, Sandra.

Children of Benham Nelson

- 6—Edna J. (Coy Nelson).
Clay C. (Lillie M. Hinkle).
- Allen H. (Chloe Lambert).
Arthur.

End of information on Absalom Nelson's Line.

Line of Jonathan Nelson and Hannah Harrar

4—Sarah (Abel Nelson).

Allen H. (Rebecca Lawrence), b. 1813, d. 189-.

Absolom H. (Susan Calhoun), b. 1813, killed 186-.

Elizabeth (Jacob Cassell).

Jonathan (Elizabeth Wilfong).

Robert J. (Margaret Mullenax, Jane Rexroad, ? Hinkle), 1823-1905.

Children of Allen H.

5—Susan (James Mullenax).

Robert L. (Catherine Hinkle).

B. Franklin (Jane Mullenax, Jane Hinkle, Sarah Sponaugle).

Elizabeth.

Amos L. (Ellen Mullenax, Ellen Marshall).

H. Scott (Christian Lantz).

Philip P. (Lucy Mullenax).

Child of B. Franklin and Jane Hinkle

6—Julia (Samuel Bennett).

By 3rd marriage,

Cordelia (Philip H. Kisamore).

Martha S. (Plesant Kisamore).

Bertie (Johnson Teter).

Laura R., d.

Henry H., Jason E., d.,

Lula E., d., Margaret V.

Children of Amos L.

6—Ora A., Lucy, Clem, Osie.

Children of Philip P.

6—Dosia (Robert Warner).

Merle. Teacher.

Frederick (Margaret Hammer).

Kate (Wilber Warner).

Paul (Jane Waybright).

Mabel and Margie.

Children of Absolom H. and Susan Calhoun

5—Emily J. (Joseph Warner), b. 1845.

Hannah V. (Peter Warner), b. 1845.

Sarah (Elbridge Hinkle).

Margaret (Amoy Rexroad).

Martha (Frank Thompson).

L. Robert, d.

James M. (Lavina Hinkle).

William (Francis Mullenax,

Lillie Cassell).

Jonathan (Maud Nelson).

Stewart (Mary J. Hinkle).

Mary S. (Adam Moyer).

Children of James M.

6—Elizabeth S., Effie L.

Children of William

6—Vernon, Myrtle.

Children of Jonathan

6—Madie Eva, and others.

Children of Stewart

6—Edward, Ettie, May Ada.

Children of Robert J.

5—Alexander.

Leander.

John (Angie Lambert).

Joanna.

Mary A. (Columbus Bonner).

Rosetta.

Lafayette (Christina Lawrence).

Eliakum (? Harper).

Hugh (? Wimer).

Hoy (Edna J. Nelson).

Varley.

Phoebe (Bert Lambert).

Florence (Howard Arbogas,

Lloyd Lambert).

Other information on the descendants of Sarah Nelson and Abel Nelson, turn back to Line of Absalom Nelson and see descendants of Abel and Sarah S. Nelson.

End of information on Jonathan Nelson's Line.

Line of Elijah Nelson

4—Samuel K. (Susan Harper), b. 1811.

John (? Harman).

Elijah (Margaret Jordan).

Solomon (Mary Mullenax). Moved from Pendleton Co. to Jordan Run in Grant Co.

Jonathan. Drowned with his father in North Fork, at Judy Ford.

Jacob (Sarah Mullenax).

Susan (Elijah Nelson).

Jenny (Joseph Nelson).

Sarah (Daniel Nelson).

Elizabeth (William Mullenax).

Margaret (Jacob Mullenax).

Mary .

By 2nd marriage

Lucinda (John Smith).

Edwards (Mrs. ? Pirkey, of Va.).

Mary S.

SAMUEL K. NELSON

Samuel K. Nelson married Susan Harper, often spoken of as "Susan Colonel", because of the military rank that her father held in the Confederate Army. Samuel K. moved from Pendleton County to Grant County, and settled on the North Fork above Hopeville. Here he lived, died and was buried. The exact spot of his grave as well as the graves of others can not now be located. He was an excellent gunsmith. He placed the initials S. K. N. on his best guns. He acquired many acres of land along the river and on the western slope of North Mountain in Grant County.

During the Civil War, he was arrested and confined in the Military prison at Camp Chase, Ohio. Charges that he was a Southern sympathizer were placed against him by his son-in-law, Saul VanMeter. It was not difficult to make the Northern authorities believe such charges since his father-in-law, Harper, and his brother, Solomon K. Nelson, were Confederate Officers. Several other Nelson relatives and other neighbors were fighting with the South.

While in prison, with his stepson, Bill Harper, he became engaged in a violin contest. It is said that Bill had a hand in bringing about this engagement. After hearing a Bostonian play and hearing him getting so many compliments, Bill bragged on the playing of a certain prisoner. This brought Nelson out into the limelight as a violin player. After much controversy over which was the best player, a time of contest was set and the public was invited in to help judge. The spectators were arranged in two parallel lines. The players were to select three of his favorite tunes and play them as he walked to and fro between the two lines. Nelson said that when the Yankee played he thought that he had never heard such sweet music come from any violin. When his turn came he had no thought of winning and did not get into the spirit of it until he came into his second number. It was then that he began to notice the people keeping time with their feet, swaying and bowing to him as he passed slowly by. Dur-

ing his third number the whispers grew into cheers and the cheers into a great applause as he finished.

When he returned home, he was wearing the new suit that was the prize of that contest.

After Nelson returned home from prison, he made accusations that resulted in VanMeter being arrested and taken prisoner to Camp Chase. It is said that Solomon or Saul VanMeter took the smallpox while in prison, and almost died.

Children of Samuel K. Nelson and Susan Harper.

5—William or Bill Harper.

Jonathan, Invalid from birth. Lived to well past middle age.

Samuel H. (Anjemima Shreve, of Smoke Hole).

Belinda (Saul VanMeter), d. 1912. Buried in Long Hollow Graveyard.

Solomon (Malinda Kimble, of Smoke Hole).

Philip (Nancy Armantrout).

Sis (Elijah Shirk).

Hannah (George W. Blizzard).

Polly (Bill Jordan).

Margaret Rebecca (Jacob Myles Armantrout), b. 1861.

Jesse, d. young manhood.

Johnad, d. 11 months old.

Elijah, d. young man.

BILL HARPER

Bill Harper, son of Susan Harper, was captured while in service and taken to prison at Camp Chase, Ohio. He was in prison when his step-father, Samuel K. Nelson, was in the same prison. After the war he settled near Riggs, on the old road connecting Petersburg with Morefield. It was there that he raised his family listed below. His first family of four children died while he was in service.

His grandson, Roy VanFleet, of Cumberland, Md., compiled most of the following.

Children of Bill Harper

6—Louisa (John Bounds, lived at Hagerstown, Md., before death).

Minnie (William Phelix VanFleet, of Grant County, W. Va.).

John (Emma Evans), d. about 1950.

Sally (Earnest Westfall). Lives at Winter Haven, Fla.

Rachael (William Pennel).

George W. (Nellie Cessna, of Ridgely, W. Va.), b. about 1883. Lives near Pinto, Md.

Mollie (Perry Westfall), b. about 1880. Lived in Toledo, Ohio.

Lester (Virgie Evans).

Child of Louisa Harper and John Bounds

7—Renick, of Hagerstown, Md. Have one daughter, Sylvia, and one boy.

Children of Minnie Harper and William Phelix VanFleet

7—Roy (Gertrude Kessel), b. 1891. Living in Cumberland, Md., in 1960.

Carl (Mary Kessel).

Nellie (Calvin Swisher, Roy Dakin). One child by each, both dead.

Child of Roy VanFleet and Gertrude Kessel

8—Freda (William Foley, deceased), b. 1913.

Children of Freda

- 9—William, b. 1944.
Joyce, b. 1946.
Linda, b. 1951.

Child of Carl VanFleet

- 8—Francis (Richard McClellan) of Bowman's Addition, Cumberland, Md.

Children of Francis

- 9—Louisa, Shirley, Nancy, Dianne.

Children of John Harper and Emma Evans

- 7—Branson (? ?). Have 4 children.
Raymond. No children.
Charlie (Dorothy Twigg). Have 2 girls. Lives at 800 Shade Lane.
Mary (Herman Turner). No children.
Mabel (? Haines). Have 4 children.

Child of Sallie Harper and Earnest Westfall

- 7—Elizabeth (Archie Lynn). No children.

Child of Rachael Harper and William Pennel

- 7—Francis (? Smith). Have 1 child. Lives in Washington, D. C.

Children of Mollie Harper and Perry Westfall

- 7—Howard, Gertrude, Robert, Frank, Russell. All married and have children.

Children of Emma Harper and Bert Sterns

- 7—Lawrence (? ?). Have 2 children. Lives at Hedgeville, W. Va.
Ruth, single, lives at Arlington, Va.

Children of Lester Harper and Virgie Evans

- 7—Clerance (Ruth Humbertson), b. 1912.
Dorothy (Howard Grimm).

Children of Clerance

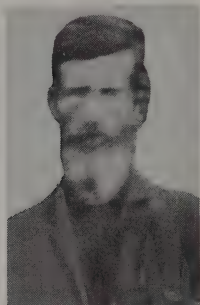
- 8—Dorothy Mae (Billy Shook), b. 1914. Have 2 children.
Walter, unmarried at age of 24.
Evon (Kenneth Kenser), b. 1938. No children.

Children of Dorothy and Howard Grimm

- 8—Floyd, Donna R., James R.

End of information on Bill Harper's descendants.

SAMUEL H. NELSON

*Samuel H. Nelson*

Grandfather was an honest, hard working man. He was well thought of by his employers and neighbors. Lonely remnants of the hewn log schoolhouse that he and his son, Frank, built in Rich Woods still stand about five logs high. The roof, floor, windows and door have succumbed to the elements. It stands there as a monument showing that people did have a desire for an education. This schoolhouse was once filled with his children and the children of his brothers, sisters and others of the community. Of over sixty Nelsons who went to school there at one time or another, only six members of that generation were living in 1960. The oldest of this small group being about 95 years old. The chimney and fireplace that he and Frank built for Amos Dolly at Hopeville, is still standing and useable. It has often occurred to the writer that it would be interesting to know what explanation his grandfather gave to the presence of the many fossils that the stones in this chimney contains. The writer often heard when he was a boy, that mushrooms grew from grubs. The reason given was that Grandfather had found one growing out of the split back of a large white grub. Explanations for such things were not taught in the Pendleton County schools in his day.

Before and at the start of the war, he with others, were drilling under the captaincy of his uncle, Solomon K. Nelson. His company joined the South. It was taken much farther south for grouping and training. One time he made complaints to his uncle about the food to which his uncle replied, "Drot drot a hungry dog always hunts the best".

Some time later he asked a friend what way he would point if he were to point toward home. The unspoken thought was thus transmitted and some weeks later six Rebel deserters were headed toward Pendleton County. They hid in the forest and elsewhere by day and taking direction from the sun, moon and stars to guide them by night they reached home. It is said that on such border line areas that the captain often made the decision which side his company would join. Such procedure often placed the individual soldier in the wrong army. There was no Union Army in that part of West Virginia, but people could join the Home Guards.

Border line areas like Grant and Pendleton Counties were a dangerous place for a deserter to reside. Smoke Hole was the most isolated spot near so Samuel H. Nelson went there. He and others had a cave that they used for their principal hide-out. They were not in too much danger of being reported because most of the Smoke Hole people had sympathy with the Union. Yet no one in such borderline areas, be they deserters or not, were safe from raids on life or property from either side.

While there he met and courted his future wife, Anjemima Shreve, daughter of Benjamin W. Shreve and Lucinda McCulty. When calling on

her one evening, they were on the outside as it grew dark and the cattle came running down hill. Thinking that it might be a troop of Rebels coming they ran to the house to give the alarm. Shreve bounced out of bed and in his haste to get some clothes grabbed for his breeches but missed them and got his wife's petticoat. He started off in all haste running in one direction while Nelson ran in the opposite direction toward his cave hide-out. Lucinda, not being able to find her clothes in the dark, slipped into her husband's trousers and started out after him to let him know that it was only the cattle running that had caused the scare. When Shreve looked back and saw dimly through the darkness his wife in his trousers running after him he thought for sure that he was being chased by a soldier. So the race continued until he had to stop from complete exhaustion. She was then able to get close enough to him to make known the cause of his flight.

Fears like this did not necessarily indicate cowardice, but rather good judgment, because in such borderline areas between the North and South neighbors and even members of the same family in many cases became bitter enemies. In such areas no one's property or life was safe.

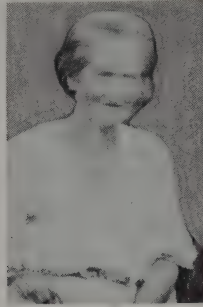
I visited the homesite, where this incident took place, a few years ago. The dwelling had been located on a spot near where the cemetery is located. The cemetery that became the final resting place for many of the Shreve families as well as other people of the Smoke Hole community.

While on this trip to the Smoke Hole community gathering some material for this book, I was enlightened as to the first or early impressions that the Shreves had of the Nelsons. The Shreves bought a tract of land known as Rich Woods which was located in the midst of the Nelson settlement. The Shreves who crossed the North Mountain to work on this farm took word back home that the Nelsons were a queer bunch of people. That when they were asked to do any farm work such as hoeing, cutting or husking corn or any other work that they would come as a group and work very hard until the job was finished but the queer part or the part that the Shreves could not understand was that the Nelsons after having worked hard all day would then meet at one of their homes that night and engage in playing the fiddle, dancing and other activities until long after midnight.

Grandfather died of consumption while staying with his son, James, in Moyers Hollow. It would have been easier to have taken him across the river and buried him with his parents, Samuel K. Nelson and Susan Harper, but complying with his request he was taken to his last home which was located against the North Mountain and buried with his wife, Anjemima and his daughter.

I make mention of this burying place on the hill between his last home and the Wolford Place because it is now a very lonely place. There has been no one living in this part of North Mountain since the floods of the late forties swept all paths and sled roads away.

Of the several children of Samuel H. Nelson listed below, only James, Frank and my mother, Emily, have descendants. Mother's children are listed in the Teter family under children of B. Y. S. Teter and Emily C. Nelson. Frank and James descendants follow.

Children of Samuel H. Nelson and Anjemima Shreve

*Miss Mary Nelson, born in Grant County,
buried in Glendale Cemetery.*

- 6—Mary, 1871-1941. Buried in Glendale Cemetery, Flintstone, Md.
 Frank, died of TB before 30 years old.
 James E. (Cecilla Watts, Provey Turner, Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Alt), d. of
 cancer and buried on his farm near Petersburg, W. Va.
 Susan, d. young.
 Jonathan, accidentally shot by his brother, Frank, when about 14 years
 old. They were chasing their hogs which had gone wild.
 Emily C. (B. Y. S. Teter), 1874-1954. Buried in Glendale Cemetery.
 Martha (Sammy K. Nelson, first wife), d. young with TB.
 Two others died young.

Children of Frank Nelson and Mary Jane VanMeter

- 7—Rebecca (Garfield Moyers, 1884-1935), d. 1921.
 Belinda (L. H. Dolly, his 2nd wife), both buried in Glendale Cemetery.

Children of Rebecca Nelson and Garfield Moyers

- 8—4 died young.
 Dora Alice (Clerance Cox), b. 1910, m. 1928.
 Darie Edna (Willard Cox), b. 1913.
 Leona Ellen (George Cox), b. 1915, m. 1933.
 Florda Susan (Frank Riggleman), b. 1917, m. 1933.
 Christena Rebecca (Kieth Mallow Bible, m. 1935; Carl G. Sites,
 m. 1956), b. 1920.

Children of Dora Alice Moyers

- 9—Ruby Francis (? Blackburn), Dorothy Mae, b. 1941.
 b. 1936. James Wm., b. 1945.
 Betty Jane (? Alt), b. 1938. Mary Jane, b. 1948.

Child of Ruby Francis Cox

- 10—Mark Bennett, b. 1960.

Children of Betty Jane Cox and Gene Alt

- 10—Debra Lynn, b. 1957.
 Carol Jene, b. 1959.

Children of Darie Edna Moyers

- 9—Robert Cox, b. 1935.
 Mary Ellen.

Children of Mary Ellen

- 10—Robert Edward, b. 1958.
 Rose Mary, b. 1960.

Child of Leona Ellen Moyers

- 9—Virginia Lee, b. 1933, d. 1944.

Children of Florda Susan Moyers

- 9—Alice Anna (Jack Joseph Freet), b. 1936, m. 1958.
Kathern Elizabeth (Ray Bowman), b. 1938, m. 1956.
Kenneth Eugene, b. 1940.

Children of Kathern Elizabeth Riggleman

- 10—Donald Ray Bowman, b. 1957.
Douglas Allen, b. 1958.

Children of Christena Rebecca Moyers

- 9—Virgil Eston Bible, b. 1936.

The information on Rebecca Nelson's descendants was furnished by her youngest daughter, Mrs. Christene Rebecca Sites of Baltimore.

Children of Belinda Nelson and L. H. Dolly

- 8—Irad (Olive M. Ash), b. 1910.
Mathew McKinley (Edna Ash), b. 1912.
Jasper (Anna Humberson). No children.
Earnest (Gladys Valentine). Killed in World War II. Buried in Glendale Cemetery.
Borden (Anna Mae Otts).
Arlie (Elma Sisk).
Robert (June Moon, Eleanor Miller), b. 1928.
Hope (Ray Wilfong). Buried in Glendale Cemetery.
Ethel (Lester Morral, Miner Jordan, Lynn Bower). No children.
Isom (Ruth Yost).
Estel.

Children of Irad Dolly and Olive Ash

- 9—Blaine Alden (Mary Davis), b. 1928.
Irad, Jr., d. Infant.
Ellis Ross (Opal Allen), b. 1932.
Leo Elliott, b. 1934.
Eleanor Ramoni (Otha VanMeter), b. 1936.
Marian Virginia, 1938-1940.
Borden Wade, b. 1939.
Retha Juaniti, b. 1940.
Presley Dewayne, b. 1942.
Kenneth and Carrol, twins, b. 1944.
Nelson, b. 1946.
Earnest, b. 1946.

Child of Ellis Ross

- 10—Brenda, b. 1956.

Child of Eleanor Ramoni

- 10—Larry.

Children of Mathew McKinley Dolly and Edna Ash

- 9—Dorothy Marie (Robert Marchant), b. 1929.
Helen Louise (Fred Hall), b. 1931.
Ella Mae (Robert J. Ammons), b. 1933.
Richard McKinley, b. 1938.
Kenneth Dale, b. 1940, d. 1942.
Elbert Lee, b. 1944.
Mary Elizabeth, b. 1947.

Child of Dorothy Marie

10—Jacklin Juainta, b. 1950.

Children of Helen Louise

10—Joan, Freddie, William, Tommy, Rose Ann, Donald E., Timothy S., Keith R.

Children of Ella Mae Dolly and Robert J. Ammons

10—Barbara Jean, Robert J., Jr.

Children of Borden Dolly

9—Borden, Jr., Donna, Betty Elizabeth.

Children of Arlie Dolly and Elma Sisk

9—Arlie, Jr., Jean, Kay, Jane, Walter and Wilbur, twins.

Children of Robert Dolly

9—Carolyn, June. By 2nd wife—Gary, Patrecia, Robert, Jr.

Child of Hope Dolly

9—Robert, b. 1942.

Children of Estel Dolly

9—Jimmy, Earnest.

The information on the descendants of Belinda Nelson was given by her sons, Irad and Mathew and Irad's wife, Olive.

Children of James E. Nelson

James E. Nelson and 3rd wife. L. to R.: Rosie Nelson Mongold, Cumberland, Md.; Glenn Nelson, deceased; James E. Nelson, deceased; Hester Nelson, deceased; Carry Nelson, deceased, no children.

Notice the resemblance between James and his uncle, John Shreve.

7—Benny (Janie Self, Ida Mace, Bernice Alt), 1893-1937. Buried in the Riggleman Cemetery, W. Va.

Artie (Glenn Alt) of Brushy Run, W. Va.

Frank (Gladys Woods Wease), b. 1898. Lives near Petersburg, W. Va.

Wilbur (Bessie Evans). Drowned in the old pond near Hopeville.

Buried on his father's farm near Petersburg, W. Va.

Branson (Ludie Martin). Died of a heart attack while serving as constable in the Peoples Court, Cumberland, Md. Buried in Catholic Cemetery in Cumberland, Md.

By 2nd Wife

Rosie (Seymour Mongold). Lives in Cumberland, Md.

Hester (Annie Conrad). Died of a heart attack. Buried with brother Wilbur and father James E. on their farm near Petersburg, W. Va. Glenn. Wounded in World War II. Died in 1958. Found dead in his bed at home, Bowman's Addition, near Cumberland, Md.

BENNY NELSON

Benny Nelson was the writer's first boy chum. Both attended school together at Rich Woods. It was he to whom the writer turned to for help with a safety pin that was causing him trouble while in class and received a lash from the teacher's switch for talking out in class. They held meetings in a log barn while still very young. They did the preaching and baptizing while the younger members of their families were their congregation and converts. The writer remembers this well because on one occasion he got several stings from wasps before he was able to reach the floor by climbing down the log wall from the hay loft that was being used for the pulpit. In later years they attended school together in Long Hollow. Benny could out wrestle and out box all the other boys including those who were some years older than him.

He went to work in the lumber camps at Laneville at a rather young age and soon became a timber sawyer, which required the strongest men of the whole camp crew. The writer was by the bedside of his chum when he died in 1937 at the home of J. M. Dolly, near Flintstone. Benny was staying there while taking treatments in Cumberland, Md.

Children of Benny Nelson

- 8—Infant, 1911.
 Carry (Howard Parks), b. 1912. Lives at Pasadena, Md.
 Denver (Leona Alt), b. 1914. Lives in Moyers Hollow, near Cabins, W. Va.
 Pearl (Earl Champ), 1915-1942. Buried in the Champ Cemetery.
 Delmer (Verdie Mace, Jeanette Duddley), b. 1917. Lives at Waynesboro, Va.
 Infant, 1918.
 Zella (Curtis Blewitt), b. 1919. Lives at Dumfries, Va.
 Zerrie (Walter Harvey), b. 1921. Lives at Elkton, Md.
 Rosco (Betty Rohrbaugh), b. 1922. Lives at Fairfax, Va. Served over three years in World War II.
 By 2nd marriage
 4 children. All died in infancy.
 By 3rd marriage
 Naoma (Welby Pierceson), b. 1935. Lives at Hamilton, Va.

Children of Carry Nelson

- 9—Nancy (Charles Youngbar), b. 1933. Living at Pasadena, Md.
 Esther (Edward ?), b. 1934. Living at Pasadena, Md.
 Wesley (? ?), b. 1936. Living at Pasadena, Md.
 Fern, b. 1942.

Child of Nancy

- 10—Charles, Jr., b. 1953.

Children of Wesley

- 10—Wesley, Jr., b. 1953.
 Girl, b. 1957.

Children of Denver

Photo taken by B. F. Teeter in 1959. Paul Teeter (R.) and Denver Nelson (L.). Seneca Rocks, Pendleton County, W. Va.

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| 9—Norma (Sterl Mullenax), b. 1935. | Carol, b. 1944. |
| Living near Cabins, W. Va. | Raymond, b. 1946. |
| Eston, b. 1937. | Jackie, b. 1950. |
| Verda, b. 1939. | Benjamin, b. 1952. |
| Eunice, b. 1941. | Larry David, b. 1954. |

Children of Norma

- 10—Shirley, b. 1952.
Gary, b. 1953.
Ester, b. 1957.

Children of Pearl

- 9—Paul (Ruthalean Kisamore), b. 1937. Living in Onego, W. Va.
Viola, b. 1938.
Shirley, b. 1940.
Ardella, b. 1941.

Child of Paul

- 10—Girl, b. 1957.

Children of Delmer Nelson

- 9—Kay, b. 1950.
Harrison, b. 1952.
Gary, b. 1954.
Randal, b. 1957.

Children of Zella

- 9—Nathan, b. 1939.
James, b. 1940.
Ruth, b. 1943.
William, b. 1953.

Children of Rosco

- 9—Dianna, b. 1951.
Virginia, b. 1952.
Ella Jane, b. 1954.
Thelma, b. 1955.

Child of Naoma

- 9—William, b. 1957.

Children of Artie Mae Nelson and Glenn Alt

Glenn Alt's home at Brushy Run, W. Va. Glenn and wife, Artie Nelson with two of their daughters (Center) and two grandchildren (Front).

8—Walter Isaac, d. infant in 1913.

Gilbert James (Caretta Arvella Bowers), b. 1915.

Ethel Arvella (Olin Hopkins), b. 1917. No children.

Christine Florence (Hugh VanScoy), b. 1919.

Elva Louise.

Mervin, 1925-1934.

Delmer Clyde (Mrs. Wanda Dowmen), b. 1928. No children.

Caretta Catherine (William W. Allen), b. 1930.

Joy Marie (Obed R. Kimble), b. 1933.

Harald Lee (Shirley Cutshaw), b. 1934.

Gene Raymond (Loretta ?), b. 1936.

Children of Gilbert James Alt

9—Norma Jean (Freddie Constable).

Phylis Fay (? Snider).

Bruce, James, Stanley, Arvella, Carol.

Child of Phylis Fay

10—Julia Ann, b. 1957.

Children of Christine Florence

9—Ronald Gale, James Hugh, Sharon Ann, Robert.

Child of Elva Louise

9—Barbara Kay.

Children of Caretta Catherine Alt

9—Linda Gill, b. 1949.

William Craig, b. 1951.

Child of Joy Marie

9—Kenton Ray, b. 1956.

Child of Harald Lee

9—Russell Harald, b. 1957.

Children of Benjamin Franklin Nelson

- 8—Margie Helen (Erman H. Turner), b. 1922.
 Carl B. (Annie Shirk), b. 1923. No children.
 Paul, d. age 11 years old.
 Agnes (Kermit Kimble), b. 1928.
 Zola (Robert Wright).
 Irene (Glenn Hall).
 Unice Virginia, d. young.

Children of Margie Helen

- 9—Shirley, Ralph, Gwendoline, Gerald, Orval, Roger, Patricia, Judy, Virginia, Dellas, Ronnie, William Glenn, d. 7 months.

Children of Agnes

- 9—Larry, Donnie, Paula, Roger, William Frank.

Children of Zola

- 9—Robert W., Raymond, Dale Franklin.

Children of Irene

- 9—Gladys Kay, Thomas Steve.

Children of Wilbur Nelson

- 8—Mildred (Emmit Conrad). No children.
 Rosilee.

Child of Branson Nelson

- 8—Clyde.

Children of Rosie

- 8—Genevieve Catherine, b. 1925. Lives in Cumberland, Md.
 Virgil Junior (Rose L. Miller), b. 1928. Drowned 1957, in Potomac River near Green Springs, with his two daughters, Dianna, Sandra.

Children of Virgil

- 9—Dianna, 1946-1957.
 Sandra, 1948-1957.

Children of Hester

- 8—Hester, Jr., Charlie, 4 other boys died young. Buried with their father.

End of Samuel H. Nelson's descendants.

As stated elsewhere it would be the writer's aim to include at least a partial list of the descendants of his Grandparents' sisters and brothers. In the immediate following pages a partial list of the descendants of his grandfather, Samuel H. Nelson's brothers and sisters are included.

BELINDA NELSON

Belinda Nelson, wife of Solomon VanMeter, was rather outstanding in her neighborhood. Besides raising a large family she took care of an invalid brother, Jonathan. She ministered to the sick of the community. As a midwife she delivered most of the babies born in her community. The writer remembers the good meals eaten at her table when a boy. The meals remembered best were those consisting of hot rolls or biscuits, fresh butter, sweet milk and honey, fried bacon and good strong coffee.

How good those meals tasted to a hungry boy and what boy is not hungry? She, as stated elsewhere, was one of thirteen children, nine of whom bore children and hence have many descendants living today.

Children of Belinda Nelson and Solomon VanMeter

- 6—Johnad (Sarah Blizzard, Cora Jenkins), b. 1860.
 Noah (Hannah Jordan), b. about 1862.
 Elijah (Angie Jordan).
 Margaret (Jonathan Blizzard), b. about 1868.
 Mary Jane (Frank Nelson, Arnold Rohrbaugh).
 Enoch (Nora Teter).
 Sarah Ann (Benjamin Mullenax).
 Jacob (Mary Teter).

Children of Johnad VanMeter

- 7—Arnold (Laura Mace).
 By 2nd marriage
 Guy (Lydia VanMeter). Drowned in small tributary of South Branch.
 Minnie (Jonathan Nelson).
 Enoch (Zernie Self).

Children of Arnold VanMeter

- 8—Sarah (Rosco Shirk). Have 4 children.
 Floda (?). Have 2 children.

Children of Guy VanMeter

- 8—Lossie (Joy Huffman).
 Rosco, Lester, Belle, Russell, Evelyn, Tilda.

Children of Minnie VanMeter and Jonathan Nelson

- 8—Roland, Rhoda, Rosie, Tressa.

Children of Enoch VanMeter and Zerna Self

- 8—Hazel (Jackie Pifer).
 Dorislee (Buddy Robosson).
 Janet Louise.

Children of Hazel

- 9—Gregory, d. young. Jackie Allen.

Children of Noah VanMeter and Hannah Susan Jordan

- 7—Belinda (Edward Sears), b. 1886. No children.
 Willie, Lucy, Mary, Martha. All died young.
 Sarah Elizabeth (Charlie Moyer), b. 1894.
 Clerance (Jannie Mace), b. 1897.
 Arlie (Bertha Reel), b. 1906. No children.
 Janie (Dan Rohrbaugh), b. 1901.

Children of Sarah Elizabeth

- 8—McKinley (Hazel Nazelrod), b. 1912. Moved to Idaho.
 Harry Chester (Margaret Northcraft, Edith Taylor), b. 1915.
 Austin, b. 1918.
 Margie (Walter Jones, Nick Foreman, Elmer Roberts), b. 1920.
 Hannah Virginia (Dwight Spencer), b. 1918.
 Walter (Flora Fletcher), b. 1922.
 Arvle (Hilda Nail), b. 1924.

Children of McKinley

- 9—Robert, Mary, Jack, Maynard, Charlie, Susanna. By 2nd wife, Jean, Jannett.

Children of Harry Chester

- 9—Dorothy May (? Leister, Howard Bennett), b. 1932.
 Harry, Jr. (Virginia Nail), b. 1934.
 Norma Jean (? Killroy), b. 1936.
 William Lee (? ?), b. 1939.
 By 2nd wife—Tommy and Shirley.

Child of Dorothy May

- 10—Debby.

Children of Harry, Jr.

- 10—Larry Allen, b. 1952.
 Rodney Lee, b. 1957.

Child of Norma Jean

- 10—Johnny.

Children of Hannah Virginia

- 9—George, Mary Jane, b. 1943, June.

Children of Margie

- 9—Tommy, Donny, Edward. By 2nd m., Johnny. By 3rd m., Sally.

Children of Walter

- 9—Geraldine, Steveson Lee.

Children of Arvle

- 9—Wayne, b. 1943. Charles Thomas, b. 1948.
 Carol Louise, b. 1946. Schelley, Kevin.

Children of Clerance

- 8—Helen, Gladys, Doris and Jack, twins; Ronny and Robert, twins; Arlie.

Children of Janie

- 8—Hannah. Has 2 children.
 Vernon. Captured and held prisoner for three years in Korean War.
 Arlie. Has 2 children.

Children of Elijah VanMeter and Angie Jordan

- 7—Andy M. (Rebecca Shirk).
 Homer (Hannah Shirk). Zella (Henry C. VanMeter).
 Mary (Jacob Alt). J. Garfield (Lily Johns).
 A. Eston (Elsie Day). Belinda (Arlie Judy).

Children of Andy VanMeter and Rebecca Shirk

- 8—Glenn, Bertha, Belle, Scott, Lester, Payton.

Children of Homer VanMeter and Hannah Shirk

- 8—Verna, Esta, Margie, Melvin, Dealie, Carl.

Children of Mary VanMeter and Jacob Alt

- 8—Tressa, Janie, Eston.

Child of A. Eston VanMeter and Elsie Day

- 8—A. Eston, Jr.

Child of Zella VanMeter and Henry C. VanMeter

- 8—Henry, Jr.

Children of J. Garfield and Lily Johns

- 8—Donald, Dolorse, Erma, Darleen, Yvonne, James, George, David.

Children of Belinda VanMeter and Arlie Judy

- 8—Juanita, Donald, Arlie, Jr., Eston, Mary.

Children of Margaret VanMeter and Johnathan W. Blizzard

- 7—Elijah (Virginia Blizzard).
 Enoch (Mattie Alt), b. 1894.
 Fanny, b. 1896. Lives at Franklin, near Westernport, Md.
 Blanche (Thomas Custer), b. 1898.
 Etta (Holmes Gardener), b. 1901.
 Nora (John Phares), 1904-1921. No Children.
 Ida (Lorrain Dawson), b. 1906.
 Ernest (Elizabeth Wilkes), b. 1909.

Children of Elijah

- 8—Oliver, Ethel, Elizabeth, Allen, Alice.

Children of Enoch

- 8—Margaret, Louvene, Melvin.

Children of Blanche

- 8—Oliver, b. 1918.
 Ralph, John David, Mary, Mamie, Jackie, Mikie, Shirley. Two dead.

Children of Etta

- 8—Louise (Richard Mathena), b. 1932.
 Katherine (Tony Sullivan, b. 1932), b. 1933.
 Betty Jean (Gail Boseley), b. 1935. No children.
 Holmes, Jr., b. 1943.

Child of Louise

- 9—Vickie Lynn, b. 1925.

Children of Katherine

- 9—Debra Jean, b. 1953.
 Tony David, Jr., b. 1957.

Children of Ida

- 8—James William, Robert Lee.

Children of Ernest

- 8—Catherine Jean, Richard Ernest, Rebecca, Elizabeth.

See descendants of Enoch and Jacob VanMeter in the Teter family as children of Nora Teter and Enoch VanMeter and children of Mary Teter and Jacob VanMeter.

Children of Mary Jane

- 7—Rebecca and Belinda's descendants listed under Frank Nelson.
 By 2nd marriage
 Ethel (Seymour Watts).
 McKinley (Anna Landis).
 Arlie.

Children of Sarah Ann VanMeter

- 7—Belinda (John Riggleman, Elwell Benneti).
 Jacob (Lenora Evans), b. 1903.
 Mary (? Pennington, William Roy).

Children of Belinda Mullenax

- 8—Nannie.
 Robert (Freda Bennett).
 Alice.

Children of Nannie

9—Johnny, Sarah, Robert, Bonnie, Mary.

Children of Robert

9—Robert, Jr., Connie, Gary, Nancy.

Children of Jacob Mullenax

8—Austin (Phyllis Shatzer).
 Marshall (Eleanor Humbertson).
 Ralph (Rosalie Bennett).
 Margie (Donald May), b. 1932.
 Wanda Lee (Billy Wigfield).
 Beulah (Elijah Friend).

Georgia (Marvin McBride).
 Betty (Robert McBride), b. 1943.
 Carolyn, b. 1946.
 Robert, b. 1948.
 Elsie, b. 1952.

Children of Austin

9—Keith, Michael, Craig.

Children of Marshall

9—Marsha, Colleen.

Children of Ralph

9—Linda, b. 1952.
 Richard, b. 1954.

Roger, b. 1956.
 Calvin, b. 1958.

Children of Margie

9—Donald, Jr., Jerraldine, Joann, Janet.

Children of Wanda Lee

9—Debra, Beulah, Clifford.

Child of Georgia

9—Allen.

Children of Mary

8—Virgil, Benjamin.

End of Belinda Nelson's Descendants.

SOLOMON NELSON AND MALINDA KIMBLE

Malinda Kimble of Smoke Hole, was the daughter of Samuel Kimble and Elizabeth Cox. Samuel was the son of Adam Kimble, an early settler in that region.

Solomon lived in Rich Woods, not far from the school house, before mentioned. While living there his house burned bringing death to his two small children. They, with others, were buried on top of the ridge between Rich Woods and Long Hollow. The spot on top being near the path that the pupils used going to and from school. Mention is made of this almost forgotten graveyard in order to keep it from being confused with the one that was started later on top of the second ridge toward the south and known as the Wolford Graveyard. Samuel H. Nelson, his wife, Anjemima Shreve, his daughter, Martha, and others are buried there.

In course of time, Solomon Nelson moved to Red Creek. It is said that the settlers on Red Creek had to carry their flour and other store goods from the North Fork side. In course of time, Laneville on Red Creek, became a booming lumber town, then the order of carrying was reversed. People of the North Fork region bought many of their supplies from

Laneville, because it became their nearest railroad point. That was in the days before the railroad had reached Petersburg.

It was not the intention to take up so much space on writing about Solomon Nelson or Uncle Saul, as he was commonly called, but the writer having seen him often when a boy wishes to relate the following. Upon meeting him on the road or anywhere, Uncle Saul would call out before you got to him, "Hey buddy, do you have anything to swap today? Do you want to swap knives sight unseen? Do you have a watch or anything else to swap?" I was well aware that I was no particular favorite since I knew that he bantered every lad that he met with the same questions. He would trade too, even if he did get beat, because the satisfaction derived therefrom was not contained in the value of the article but in the trading itself.

He often told me as well as others, "Your Aunt Linda does the praying but your Uncle Saul has to do the managing." Among the several incidents that he would tell to emphasize his point was one that he and his wife would often go to the Red Creek or the Flat Rock Plains to pick huckleberries. He claimed that when berries were plentiful that she would always pick more than she could carry. Upon lifting her load and finding it too heavy to carry it the four to five miles back home, she would kneel and beseech the Lord to help her. He would explain that it always ended in your Uncle Saul having to carry part of her load as well as his own. He would then repeat, "Pon my soul, your Aunt Linda does the praying but your Uncle Saul has to do the managing."

Children of Solomon Nelson and Malinda Kimble

6—Jonathan (Lizzy Smith, Mary E. Landas, Ann Watts, Grace VanMeter), 1871-1957.

Sammy K. (Manda Shreve, Mrs. Lucinda Alt Kimble).

Cal (Mary Shirk). Living in 1960.

Abraham (Mandy Shirk).

Children of Jonathan

7—Henry (? Ayers), b. 1894. Clifton Forge, Va.

By 2nd wife

Clarence, 1899-1957.

N. D. Nelson (Effie May Vance), b. 1902. Ridgeley, W. Va.

Nellie (Albert Felix), b. 1904.

E. E. Nelson (Nela Huffman), b. 1906.

Ella May (Cecil Collins), b. 1909.

Herbert (Lona Tingler), b. 1911. No children.

Robert, b. 1913. Died young.

By 3rd wife—Harold, Priscilla.

By 4th wife—John and others.

Children of Henry

8—Olie, Merle, Jerry.

Children of N. D. Nelson

8—Twins, died infants.

Kathryn (William J. Clayton).

Gerald (Janet McKinzie), b. 1924.

Hallie Jo (Alfred J. Kienhofer, Francis E. Sticher).

Mildred (George R. Ambrose), b. 1930.

Child of Kathryn

9—Alecia Diana, b. 1952.

Child of Gerald

- 9—Stephen Daniel, b. 1956.

Children of Hallie Jo

- 9—Carol Jean, b. 1946.
Debra K., b. 1952.
Karen Ann, b. 1953.

Child of Mildred

- 9—George R., b. 1954.

Child of Nellie

- 8—Catheleen. Lives in California.

Children of E. E. Nelson

- 8—Burl, Betty, Jean, Billy Joe, Mary and others.

Children of Ella May

- 8—Johnny, Helen, Nellie.

Cal Nelson, son of Solomon Nelson and Malinda Kimble, lives with his son, Walter Nelson, against the western slope of North Mountain below mouth of Seneca. Upon being interviewed in 1958, he believed his age to be 95 years old. He and his son, Walter, supplied the following list of his descendants.

Children of Cal Nelson and Mary Shirk

- 7—Walter (Cora B. Alt), b. 1895.
Clara, Albert, Edna, Raymond.

Children of Walter Nelson

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| 8—Pearl (Alvey Burgess), b. 1917. | Anna (Marvin Turner), b. 1927. |
| Burl, b. 1921. | Hester (Hoover Miller), b. 1929. |
| Minnie (Isaac Ours), b. 1923. | Oney, b. 1932. |
| Dora (Emory G. Reed, | Alvey (Thelma Judy), b. 1936. |
| S. D. Miller, Jr.), b. 1925. | Walter, Jr., b. 1940. |

Children of Pearl

- 9—Ivan, Juanita, Wilda, Leon, Carl, Eston, Gene.

Children of Minnie

- 9—Luther, Jean, Shirley, Eva, Nancy, Marlyn, Dorothy.

Children of Dora

- 9—Anna Belle, Holine, Faye, Debby.

Children of Anna

- 9—Maxine, Roland, Doris, Marlene.

Children of Hester

- 9—Lucille, Linda, Lois, Lewis, Lucy, Lillie.

Child of Alvey

- 9—Debbie.

Children of Sammy K. Nelson, son of Solomon Nelson

- 7—Zannie (Howard Grasser).

No children living.
Lucie (Jason Ayers).
Lottie (Jerry Ayers).

Grace, died before marriage.
By 2nd marriage
Esta (Grant VanMeter).

Children of Lucy Nelson and Jason Ayers

8—Edward and others.

Children of Lottie Nelson and Jerry Ayers

8—Evelyn, John, Tyson.

Children of Abraham Nelson

7—Bertha, Rosco, Janie, Bessie, Ray, John, Jesse.

The writer does have the names of the descendants of Abraham Nelson's children.

PHILIP NELSON



*Philip Nelson and his daughter-in-law, Zina Arbagas,
his son Sammy's 2nd wife.*

The writer's first recollection of Philip was that he was rather tall and agile and a great violin player. I thought that he could play, "Marching Through Georgia," better than anyone else. I do not know why this was one of his favorite tunes because he was a self-confessed democrat and the democrats at that time were associated as being the South. It must have been that there were elements in the music of the song that touched depths deeper in him than his political affiliation.

I first remember him when he lived in Moyers Hollow, near Crows Ridge. He later on moved to Gladwin, a small village inhabited by him and his son's families and a few others. His son, Sammy, was the Section Foreman and his brothers and relatives composed most of his working crew. Gladwin was located at the junction of Glady Fork and Dry Fork, where they come together and form the beginning of Cheat River. I am told that the village almost wholly disappeared after the railroad was removed.

I had the privilege of visiting him there in the company with Father and brother, Blaine. The Nelsons seemed to be prosperous enough. Philip, the gray hair patriarch, was still very active and full of fun telling jokes and still playing pranks on others. Of the many jokes and pranks that he told or played on others, none seems quite suitable to enter here.

Children of Philip Nelson and Nancy Armentrout

6—James (Ida Riggleman, Ollie Riggleman). Keyser, W. Va. After long invalid, died 1960.

Sammy K. (Martha Nelson, Zina Arbagas).
 Jonathan (Myrtle Deadrick, Minnie VanMeter).
 Johnad (Rosie Arbagas).
 Isaac (Florence Watts, Lula Huffman, half sisters).
 Sena (Howard Grasser). Lives at Flintstone, Md., in 1961.
 Savannah.

Children of James Nelson, son of Philip

7—Opha, Eva. By 2nd marriage, Sammy, Johnny, Odas, Raymond,
 James, Jr., Nellie, Molly, Tena, Charles.
 The above list of names might contain some errors.

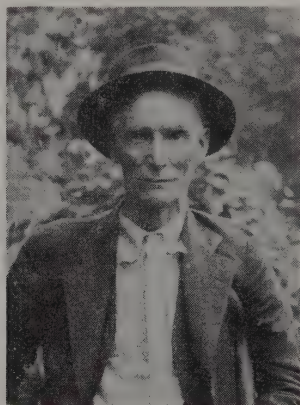
Children of Sammy K. Nelson and Zina Arbagas



*Sammy K. Nelson, Philip's son, and his first wife,
 Martha Nelson, daughter of Samuel H. Nelson.*

7—Bessie, Ethel, Elsie, Emily, Mamy, Howard.
 This list may not be complete.

JONATHAN NELSON AND MYRTLE DEADRICK



Jonathan Nelson, son of Philip Nelson.

Jonathan Nelson, 1869-1947, son of Philip Nelson and Nancy Armen-
 trout, was born and grew up in Grant County. After marrying Myrtle
 Deadrick he lived until after her death near her parents' home which was

located near the Royal Glenn Mill, above Petersburg. After the death of his second wife, Minnie VanMeter, he continued to live in Grant County. As he grew older he lived part-time in the homes of his children. He died at the home of Frank Nelson, near Petersburg, and was buried in the Hogueland Cemetery, located on a hill near the Hogueland and Deadrick homestead.

Myrtle Deadrick was a daughter of George F. Deadrick and Martha S. Hogueland. Granddaughter of Israel Hogueland and Jane Carr.

RUTH AND VIRGINIA NELSON

Ruth the older and Virginia the younger daughter of Jonathan lived on the Deadrick homestead in 1960. They compiled the data on the descendants of their parents, listed below.

Children of Jonathan Nelson and Myrtle Deadrick

7—Ruth, b. 1900.

Edgar (Viola Harman), b. 1902.

Janie (John R. Carter), b. 1904.

Robert, b. 1907, died young.

Harry (Leta Sites of Petersburg), b. 1909.

Mary Susan (James Hedrick, Ambrose O'Donald, Fred Bowers), b. 1913. No children.

Virginia R. (Charles W. Ketterman), b. 1917.

Children of Ruth Nelson

8—Myrtle (John Layton), b. 1920. Lives in Potomac Park, near Cumberland, Md.

Polly, b. 1923. After discharged from service, attended William and Mary College of Richmond, Va. Working and living in Baltimore in 1960.

Children of Myrtle Nelson and John Layton

9—Ruth Jane (James Bobo), b. 1938.

Georgia L., b. 1943.

Mary Sue, b. 1945.

Child of Ruth Jane and James Bobo

10—Virginia Leigh, b. 1960.

Children of Edgar Nelson and Viola Harman

8—Edgar, Jr., b. 1938. Senior, University of W. Va., in 1960.

Karen (Vernon Keplinger of Mayseville), b. 1939.

Donald, b. 1942. Attending barber school, Huntington, W. Va., in 1960.

Earnest, b. 1943.

Children of Karen Nelson and Vernon Keplinger

9—Gregory, b. 1957.

Kevin, b. 1959.

Children of Janie Nelson and John R. Carter

8—Elizabeth (Warden Hott of Morefield), b. 1925. Teacher at Oldfields.

Betty Jane (George Hott, Teacher and Coach at Morefield High), b. 1927. Teacher, substitute teacher, housewife.

Child of Elizabeth Nelson Carter and Warden Hott

9—Susan Lynn, b. 1946.

Children of Betty Jane Nelson Carter and George Hott

- 9—Cheryl, b. 1953.
 George, b. 1954.
 Richard, b. 1957.

Children of Harry Nelson and Leta Sites

- 8—Harry Allen, b. 1940. Student, University of W. Va., in 1960.
 Robert King, b. 1942. Student, Potomac State College in 1960.

Children of Virginia R. Nelson and Charles W. Ketterman

- 8—Nelson Ronald, b. 1942. Pupil in Petersburg High School in 1960.
 John Wesley, b. 1946. Pupil in Petersburg School in 1960.
 Rosemary, b. 1949, died infant.

Children of Jonathan Nelson and Minnie VanMeter

- 7—Roland (? ?). Has 2 children. Lives at Baltimore, Md.
 Rhoda (? Smith).
 Tressa (Glen Roy). No children. Lives in Baltimore, Md.
 Rosa Lee, married twice.

Children of Rhoda Nelson

- 8—Patsy (Earl Self). Has 2 children.
 Maxine (? ?). Has children.
 3 others.

Child of Rosa Lee

- 8—Jerry Lee.

JOHNAD NELSON

Clipping from a Keyser, W. Va., paper in 1960.

Johnad Nelson, 80, of Shaw, died this morning in the Potomac Valley Hospital here, where he was admitted yesterday.

Born near Petersburg, he was the son of the late Philip Nelson and Nancy (Armentrout) Nelson. He was a former employee of the Western Maryland Railway Co.

Surviving are four sons: Harry Nelson, Baltimore, and Homer, John and Robert Nelson, all of Shaw; a daughter, Katie or Mrs. Joseph Helmick, Shaw; a sister, Mrs. Sena Grasser, Flintstone, Md., twenty-four grandchildren and eleven great grandchildren. The body is at the Sharpless Funeral Home, Blaine. Funeral services will be held in the Nethkin Hill Methodist Church, Elk Garden. Rev. Harry G. Yong will officiate and interment will be in the I. O. O. F. Cemetery there.

By the writer—This death reduces the number of grandchildren of Samuel K. Nelson from over sixty to six who are living in 1960. They are: Mrs. Sena Grasser, Flintstone; Cal Nelson, North Fork; Sampson Jordan, Hamilton, W. Va.; Myrtle Bonner, McCool, Md.; Hencie Armentrout, Gorman; Jacob K. Armentrout, Davis.

ISAAC NELSON

Isaac Nelson, son of Philip Nelson, was a native of North Fork in Grant County, as were all of his paternal uncles and aunts and many of his cousins. The different places were located close to the homestead, known as the Shobe Place, and the places were known as: Old Pond, Shoe String, Crows Ridge, Round Bottom, Turner Bottom, Rich Woods, Walnut Hollow, Hannah Blizzard Hollow, Sam Nelson Place, Short Pinch and Red Bud. The writer does not wish to convey the impression that all of Samuel K.

Nelson's descendants were born there. His children and his grandchildren were born there and at one time or another lived on the above named places. Later on some moved away. Philip's James moved to the vicinity of Keyser, Sam's James moved to a small farm near Petersburg, where he lived, died and was buried. Some moved to Red Creek.

Isaac with his father, Philip, and others, moved to Gladwin, but in course of time moved back to North Fork. He was killed by George Moyer at the new location of the Long Hollow Schoolhouse while in a quarrel or rather it could have been considered a duel. Moyer was sentenced to life imprisonment and in turn was murdered by an inmate before he could make parole.

As stated elsewhere, Samuel K. Nelson, belonged to a very large Nelson family of Pendleton County. He moved down and settled in Grant County and his brother, Solomon K. Nelson moved down and settled not far away on Jordan Run.

Children of Isaac Nelson



Chimney was built by Samuel H. Nelson and son, Frank, in about 1875, for Amos Dolly on North Fork. Owned and occupied by Kenneth Smith and wife, Floda Mae Nelson, in 1960. (R.) Kenneth Smith.

- 7—Floda Mae Nelson (Amos Dolly, Kenneth Smith).
Alice.

By 2nd marriage

- Mary (Clem Martin, b. 1912), b. 1915. Lives at Little Town.
Mildred (Bernard Sanders), b. 1927. Lives at Westminster, Md.
Robert Isaac (Betty ?), b. 1929. Lives at Hanover, Md.

Children of Floda Mae Nelson

(See picture of Champ Rocks on top of next page)

- 8—Leona Florence (Arthur Meadows).

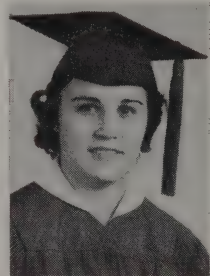
Elsie Mae (Douglas Morrison).

Mernie E. (Samuel Hall).

By 2nd marriage

- Eleanor (Paul Rudsel Painter), b. 1928.
Isaac Heiskell (Shirlie Miller, ? ?), b. 1929.
Margaret Jeannette, Senior, Petersburg High School
in 1960.

Margaret Jeannette Smith, graduate of Petersburg High in 1960. Daughter of Floda Mae Nelson and Kenneth H. Smith.



Children of Leona Florence

- 9—Amos, Leon, Robert Richard, Arthur Kenneth, Betty Joe, James, Donnie.

Children of Elsie Mae

- 9—Roger Bert, Wilda Mae, Carolyn Sue.



*Champ Rocks along North Fork below Seneca. (L.)
Flodie Nelson Smith (R.) Kenneth Smith.*

Child of Mernie

- 9—Juanita Mae.

Children of Isaac Heiskell Smith

- 9—Donna Fae, Danny, Debby, Eleanor, Phyllis.

Children of Mary Nelson

- 7—Delors (Chair Warner), b. 1934.
Armelda (William Heyser), b. 1935. No children.
Frantz C., b. 1936.
Shelva Jean (James Banker).

Children of Delors

- 8—Jim, Susie, Michael, d. age 2 yrs., Richard, Carrol, Lynn.

Child of Shelva Jean

- 8—James Banker, Jr.

Children of Robert Isaac

- 8—Jane, Linda, Donna, David.

SENA NELSON

Sena Nelson, daughter of Philip Nelson, was born near the homestead on North Fork. She and her husband, Howard Grasser, lived with or near her family at Gladwin, W. Va. Moved to Flintstone, Md., around 1930, where she is still living. Her husband, Howard, is buried in the Dolly Graveyard, near Flintstone.

Child of Sena Nelson and Howard Grasser

- 7—Sammy K. (Mrs. Bessie Glass).

End of a partial list of Philip Nelson's descendants.

SIS NELSON, another sister of Samuel H. Nelson

The writer knows but little about this member of the Nelson family. She married Elijah Shirk and had one child, Rebecca.

HANNAH NELSON, a sister of Samuel H. Nelson

She owned a small acreage of land joining that of my father's located against the North Mountain. Father bought her land before my birth in 1897.

The information, pertaining to the descendants of Hannah Nelson Blizzard, was obtained from a granddaughter, Mrs. Cora Blizzard McKinzie of 452 Walnut St., Cumberland, Md., and a great, great granddaughter, Mrs. Zettie Mae Blizzard Clites of Flintstone, Md.

Children of Hannah Nelson and Wash Blizzard

- 6—Jesse (Delilah Phares, Barbara Ann Riggleman or Mrs. Stewart). Mrs. Stewart had a daughter, Virgie Stewart.
 Sarah (Johnad VanMeter). See descendants of Sarah Blizzard on another page under children of Johnad VanMeter and Sarah Blizzard.
 Jonathan (Margaret VanMeter). See descendants of Jonathan Blizzard on another page under children of Margaret VanMeter and Jonathan W. Blizzard.
 Martin (? Riggleman). Had children.
 Jacob (? Duckworth). Had children.
 James (Sarah Armantrout). Had children.
 Samuel (Manda Fiddle). Had one girl.
 Mary (Fish Turner). Had 2 boys, 2 girls.
 Elizabeth (James Riggleman). Had children.
 Margaret.
 Philip.

Children of Jesse Blizzard and Delilah Phares

- 7—Carrie (Thomas Reed, John Warnick).
 Zerna, died about age 18.
 Anna, died young.
 Samuel, died young.
 Lee, died young.
 Thomas, died young.
 James (Anna Belle Hamilton, Ester Florence Elbin).
 Nellie (George Hammersmith). Cumberland, Md.
 Cora (Charles H. McGahan, Samuel McKinzie).
 George (Virgie Stewart, daughter of Barbara Anna Riggleman). Have one child.
 Jesse (? Hedrick). No children.

Children of Carrie and Thomas Reed

- 8—Statton, not married. Works at Cumberland Brewery, Cumberland, Md.
 Cecil (Martha Shade). Have one child.
 Claud, died young.
 Nina (William Cook). Have one child.
 James.

Children of James Blizzard

- 8—Lee (? ?). Have children.
 By 2nd marriage
 Zetta Mae (Russel Clites, b. 1915), b. 1914.
 Genevieve (Paul Forsythe), b. 1918. No children.
 James (Enid Fultz), b. 1922.
 William (Mary Davis), b. 1929.

Children of Zetta Mae Blizzard

- 9—Robert (Vera Louise Smith), Ruth, 1946-1947.
 b. 1935. Ronald, b. 1947.
 Delores (Ronald Lohr, Jr), b. 1938. Linda, b. 1948.
 Joyce, b. 1941. Sheila, b. 1950.

Children of Delores

- 10—Ronald, III, b. 1956.
 Brian, b. 1957.

Children of James Blizzard, Jr.

- 9—James, III, b. 1947. Eddie Ray, b. 1953.
 Nancy, b. 1949. Danny Lee, b. 1958.

Children of William Blizzard

- 9—Debbie, b. 1955.
 Zachary, b. 1957.

Children of Nellie Blizzard and George Hammersmith of Cumberland, Maryland

- 8—Catherine (? Bradfield). Have children.
 Cecil (Dorothy ?). In service in 1960. Have 1 child.
 Bud (Tillie Small). Have 5 children.
 Robert (? ?). In service in 1960. Have 2 children.
 Jessie (Dunk Metzger). Have 3 children.
 Ruth (Carnelius Dye). Have 1 child.
 Berndette (? Willis, Thomas Meister). Have 2 children by 1st marriage.

Children of Cora Blizzard and Charles H. McGahan

- 8—Anna Marie McGahan (Harold Twigg, Raymond Nixon), b. 1900.
 Virginia Helen (? ?, Kenneth Strong, of Washington, D. C.). 1902-1951. No children.
 Charles Thomas, died 1 year old, 1909.

Children of Anna Marie McGahan

- 9—Harold C. Twigg (Martha Shade). 2 children. Mail carrier in Washington, D. C.
 James Franklin (Audrey Conner of Mt. Savage). 2 children.

POLLY NELSON, another sister of Samuel H. Nelson

Children of Polly Nelson and William H. Jordan

- 6—Hannah (Noah VanMeter). See descendants under Noah VanMeter.
 Angie (Elijah VanMeter). See children under Elijah VanMeter.
 Mary Jane (Frank Simmons). Do not have names of descendants.
 Sammy (Lottie Watts). Had one son, Blaine.
 Sampson (Martha Teeter, Mary Teeter, Mrs. Rena Hornbrook, Mrs. Fox).
 Martha (Ben Riggleman).

Child of Sammy

- 7—Blaine.

SAMPSON JORDAN

Sampson's first wife was Martha Teeter. Martha's twin sister, Mary, married Jacob VanMeter. In course of time after children had been born in each family, Martha and Jacob died. In due time Sampson and Mary married and had children. They moved from the North Fork region to

the vicinity of Cumberland, Md., where Mary died during the Flu epidemic of 1918, after giving birth to a baby named Mary. Later Sampson married Mrs. Rena Strawser Hornbrook. They had one child, Myrtle. After the death of Rena, Sampson married again and has two children by his last wife. Martha was buried in the Turner Graveyard, in Pendleton County, W. Va. Mary and Rena were buried in the Dolly Graveyard, near Flintstone, Md.

Children of Sampson Jordan

7—Zerna (Homer Rice). See descendants in Teter family under children of Martha Teter and Sampson Jordan.

Zera B. (Herman Barnes). See descendants in Teter family under children of Martha Teter and Sampson Jordan.

By 2nd wife

Amos (Elsie Cosner), b. 1913. Killed in France during World War II. No children.

Miner (Ethel Dolly, ? Goldizen), b. 1915. No children.

Mary (Andy Divine), b. 1918. See descendants in Teter family under children of Mary Teter and Sampson Jordan.

By 3rd wife

Myrtle (John Robinett).

By 4th wife

Dairy Pearl.

Glenda Jean.

Children of Martha Jordan and Ben Riggleman

7—Scott (Melie Deaver). No children.

Andrew Wellington (Bertha Rachael Goldizen), b. 1897, of Medley, W. Va.

Oscar Dayton (Bessie Borrer, Levra Landis, ? ?).

Children of Andrew Wellington Riggleman and Bertha Rachael Goldizen

8—Raymond W., died age 17 years in 1935.

Justin Franklin (Arbutus Goldizen), b. 1919.

Radie (William Renalds), b. 1921.

Ethel Mae (Charles Getz), b. 1923.

Ina Leota (Arvil Alt), b. 1925.

Goldie Marie (Ray Getz), b. 1927.

Tressie (Junior Cleaver, Paul Ours), 1929.

Oscar Denton, (Anna Bowsley), b. 1931.

A. Andrew (Irene Iman), b. 1938. No children.

Paul L. (Estalene Walker), b. 1940.

Rachel Darlene (Carl Elwood Crites), b. 1944, m. 2/11/1960.

Children of Justin Franklin Riggleman and Arbutus Goldizen

9—Sandra, Randy, Brenda, Garry, Larry.

Children of Radie Riggleman and William Renalds

9—Billy, Ronnie, Shirley, Loretta, Roy, Lary, Donna Sue, Dale, Helen.

Children of Ethel Mae Riggleman and Charles Getz

9—Charlie, Carol Jean, Willie, Owen, Wandabelle, Ray, Rodger.

Children of Ina Leota Riggleman and Arvil Alt

9—Leon, Ivonne.

Children of Goldie Marie Riggleman and Ray Getz

9—Shela, Linda, Debra.

Children of Tressie Riggleman and Junior Cleaver

9—Robert Wayne, Albert.

Children of Oscar Denton Riggleman and Anna Bowsley

9—Denise Ann, Denny Wayne.

Child of Paul L. Riggleman and Estalene Walker

9—Rickey Paul.

Children of Oscar Dayton Riggleman and Levra Landis

8—Junior (? Kelly). In service in 1960.

Denver (? ?). Have children.

Martha (? ?). Have children.

Lawrence, Gene, Mary Ann.

The above list of Martha Jordan and Ben Riggleman's descendants was given by their son, Andrew W. Riggleman, date 2/10/60.

MARGARET REBECCA NELSON,

a sister of Grandfather Samuel H. Nelson

Children of Margaret Rebecca Nelson and Jacob Miles Armantrout

As given by their daughter, Mrs. Mertie Armantrout Bonner.

6—Susan Ann, 1880-1885.

Johnad, died, age 11 months.

Mertie Virginia (Henry Washington Bonner, 1872-1950), b. 1886.

Angy, 1889-1902.

Hencie W. (Odie Carr), 1892.

Wesley, d., age 5 years.

Jacob K. (Gracie Foley), b. 1900.

4 others died young.

Children of Mertie Virginia and Henry Washington Bonner

7—Ella May (Arthur Lewis), b. 1904.

Jacob Amos (Ethel Davis), 1906-1952. No children.

Johnny (Floana Whetzel), b. 1910.

Ida D. (Alvy Dennis, Walter Warnick), b. 1912.

Hencie (Milla Gregory), b. 1915.

Andrew (Helen Cross), b. 1917.

3 others died young.

Cathren O. (Osborne Craby), b. 1923.

Ira A. (Josephene Carkleen), b. 1921.

Children of Ella May

8—Pansy (? Kimble). Have 4 children.

Genevieve (?). Have 4 children.

Oma (?). No children.

Mildred (?). Have 1 child.

Irene (?). Have 3 children.

Leona (?). No children.

Ray (?).

Ralph (?). Have 2 children.

Children of Johnny and Floana Whetzel

8—Mary Grace (? Miller). Have 2 children.

Jesse (?). Have 2 children.

Raymond, Johnny, Girl, George, d infant.

Children of Ida D.

8—Virginia (Lloyd Mason).

Henry (Laura Coleman).

Children of Virginia

- 9—Kenny, Anna, Russell.

Children of Henry

- 9—Edward, b. 1956.
David, b. 1958.

Children of Hencie Bonner

- 8—Frank, Marie and Emily, twins, Hencie, Nancy, 1 dead.

Children of Andrew Bonner

- 8—Elizabeth (Johnny Redhead).
Paul and 3 girls.

Children of Cathren O. Bonner

- 8—Mary Ellen, Jenny L.

Children of Ira A. Bonner

- 8—Junior, Johnny, Carl Jean and Carolyn Jane, twins, Linda, 1 dead.

Children of Hencie Armantrout of Davis, W. Va.

- 7—Martha, Carl, Robert, Ruth, David and 3 others.
Robert and Ruth have three children each.

Children of Jacob Armantrout of Garmania

- 7—5 children whose names are not given.

End of Margaret Nelson's descendants.

The part of this book covering the Nelson family contains the names of several individuals. Yet all the individuals named herein are but a small amount of all of the descendants of John Nelson, the pioneer. To emphasize this fact turn back to the children of John Nelson and you will see that the descendants of only four of his thirteen children are continued in this Nelson family. This means that the descendants of nine of his children are omitted because of the lack of information. Their descendants are cousins of ours even though we do not know their names.

The descendants of John Nelson's four children listed in the Nelson family of this book are compiled under the heading as, Line of Isaac Nelson and Elizabeth McCartney, Line of Absolom Nelson and Jenny McCartney, Line of Jonathan Nelson and Hannah Harrar and Line of Elijah Nelson and Mary M. Kinkead. This should enable the individuals to trace his parentage back to one of those Lines, thus enabling him to know if they are descendants of Isaac, Solomon, Jonathan or Elijah. Some will find that they are descendants of two Lines because of the marriage of cousins. For instance, Abel Nelson married his cousin Sarah S. Nelson. All of their descendants can be traced back to both the Line of Absolom and the Line of Jonathan.

To further emphasize the fewness of names that this book does contain of all of the descendants of John Nelson, turn back to the Line of Elijah Nelson. Make note that of his fifteen children, only the descendants of three are entered in the Nelson family. The rest are omitted because of lack of information. Even the descendants of the three that are included are far from being completed because of lack of information.

Of the three included, the descendants of Samuel K. Nelson and Susan Harper precedes this page. The descendants of Solomon K. and Jenny Nelson follows.

SOLOMON K. NELSON

Born in Pendleton County, W. Va. Served as Lieutenant in Confederate Army. Moved to Jordan Run in Grant County some time after the War. Owned and operated a large farm. Among his many interests was his fondness of horses. At times had twenty or more. Died about 1914. Had eight daughters. All were married and had children. All were dead by 1960. Of his several Grandchildren, some are still living in the Jordan Run vicinity. Others have moved elsewhere.

The following information concerning the descendants of Solomon K. Nelson was furnished by Norman Burgess and two of Nelson's Granddaughters, Mrs. Henry Goldizen and Mrs. Cris Rohrbaugh of Mayseville, W. Va.

Children of Solomon K. Nelson and Mary Mullenax

5—Alice (Albert Bland).

Annie (? Warner). No children. Lived at Circleville, W. Va.

Louise (Lewis Burgess, Taylor Kessel).

Jenny (Adam Teter). Lived near Mayseville, W. Va.

Savannah (Daniel Lantz). Had children. Moved to Tennessee.

Margaret (Charlie Hamstead). Lived on the homestead.

Barbary (Aaron Burgess). Lived at Atreby, W. Va.

Nancy (Martin Hess). Lived near Mayseville, W. Va.

Children of Alice Nelson

6—Bea, Bessie, Ethel.

Children of Louise Nelson

6—Maud Burgess (Albert Muntzing, Luther Sites).

Essie Kessel (Henry Goldizen), b. 1902. P. O., Mayseville, W. Va.

Children of Maud Burgess

7—Mary Muntzing. Lives in Ohio.

By 2nd marriage

Paul (Leota Bergdoll).

Lloyd. Lives in Chicago, Ill.

Thelma (Arthur Goldizen). P. O., Mayseville, W. Va.

Essie (? VanMeter). Lives in Ohio.

Children of Paul Sites and Leota Bergdoll

8—Russell, Glenn, Virginia.

Children of Thelma Sites and Arthur Goldizen

8—Linda, Nancy, Sharon.

Children of Essie

8—Velma, Douglas, others.

Children of Essie Kessel and Henry Goldizen

7—Mary Catherine (Clyde H. Ours), b. 1918. Lives at Cabins, W. Va.

Texie Pearl (Ray Rohrbaugh), b. 1920. Lives at Cabins, W. Va.

Gracie May (Delmer Crites), b. 1923. Lives at Fisher, W. Va.

Children of Mary Catherine Goldizen and Clyde H. Ours

8—Hollis, b. 1939.

Mary Madelene (John Bennett), b. 1941. Lives at Baltimore, Md.

Carolyn Ann, b. 1943.

Child of Mary Madelene and John Bennett

9—Terry.

Children of Texie Pearl and Ray Rohrbaugh

- 8—Ella Mae, b. 1940.
 Billy Ray, b. 1945.
 Lincoln Gay, b. 1947.

Children of Gracie May and Delmer Crites

- 8—Roger Lee, b. 1943.
 Allen, b. 1946.

Children of Jennie Nelson and Adam Teter

- 6—Elber, d. with Flu in 1918, at Davis, W. Va.
 William (Delphia Burgess). Lives at Mayseville, W. Va.
 Gertie (? Knotts).
 Sadie (Roy McFadden).
 Ollie (Oliver Tucker).
 Bertha (Roy McFadden, George Robinson). Lives at Charleston, W. Va.

Children of William Teter and Delphia Burgess

- 7—Paul (Ica Evans). Lives at Mayseville, W. Va.
 Ivan (Helen Evans). Lives at Elkins, W. Va.
 Glenn, Boyd, Lona, Helen.

Children of Paul Teter and Ica Evans

- 8—Nancy, Donna, Doris.

Children of Ivan Teter and Helen Evans

- 8—Annabelle, Shirley, Lee Allen.

Child of Sadie Teter and Roy McFadden

- 7—Lee Roy.

Children of Bertha

- 7—Virgil McFadden, one other.

Children of Margaret Nelson and Charlie Hamstead

- 6—Oscar (Grace Trenton), died at Wheeling, W. Va.
 Pinkey (Lottie Vossler).
 Victor, died.
 Virgil.
 Edna (Walter Trenton, of Petersburg).

Child of Pinkey Hamstead and Lottie Vossler

- 7—Charlotte (Dick Oats, of Petersburg).

Children of Edna Hamstead and Walter Trenton

- 7—Dave, Arthur, Paul, Robert.

Children of Barbary Nelson and Aaron Burgess

- 6—Edgar (Pearl Rexroad).
 Thomas (Nellie Baker). Lives at Mayseville, W. Va.
 Mary (Chris Rohrbaugh). Lives at Mayseville, W. Va.
 Bessie (Saul Arbogast).
 Pearl (Dayton Feaster). Lives at Mayseville, W. Va.

Children of Thomas Burgess and Nellie Baker

- 7—John Allen.
 Robert (Marlene Sage).

Children of Robert Burgess and Marlene Sage

8—Thomas, Freddie, David, Cindy, Marlin.

Children of Mary Burgess and Chris Rohrbaugh

7—Omer (Anita Lawrence).

Chester (Lola Shoemaker).

Children of Omer Rohrbaugh and Anita Lawrence

8—Robert, Freddie, Anna Belle.

Child of Chester Rohrbaugh and Lola Shoemaker

8—Lyle.

Children of Bessie Burgess and Saul Arbogast

7—Odell and Blondell (Shirley Hawk), twins, b. 1938.

Children of Pearl Burgess and Dayton Feaster

7—Lorraine (Ruby Feaster).

Garland, killed in 1958, from a falling tree while operating a bulldozer.

Charles (Joy Marple).

Hazel (Robert Goldizen).

Donald (Rosie Goldizen).

Children of Hazel Burgess and Robert Goldizen

8—Sandra, Larry, Steve.

Children of Nancy Nelson and Martin Hesse

6—Ralph, died, age 5 years.

Lloyd (Mable SeCrist).

Mary (Sampson Hesse). Lives at Winchester, W. Va.

Child of Mary Hesse

7—Geraldine.

JENNY NELSON

Jenny Nelson was a sister of Samuel K. Nelson and they in turn were children of Elijah Nelson, commonly known by his neighbors as Neighbor Nelson. Mrs. Nettie Susan Mullenax, a Granddaughter of Jenny Nelson, lives near Flintstone, Md. It is from her that I have secured the following information concerning Jenny Nelson's descendants.

Children of Jenny Nelson and Joseph Nelson

5—Isaac (Sarah Nelson).

John. Moved to Iowa.

Benham. Moved to Iowa.

Jacob.

Mandy (Solomon Harman).

Sis (Harrison Smith).

Mary Margaret (Josiah Simmons). Josiah Simmons was the son of Jacob Simmons and Catherine Simmons.

Children of Isaac Nelson and Sarah Nelson

6—John, Pearl, Fred, Chap, Byron, Jenny, Myrtle, Margaret and Carry.

Children of Mandy Nelson and Solomon Harman

6—Pinkney, Dayton, John, Iva, Mandy, Etta, Verda.

Children of Sis Nelson and Harrison Smith

6—Paulser, Johnson, Jared, Mary Jane, Florence, Joseph.

Children of Mary Margaret Nelson and Josiah Simmons

- 6—Jacob (Sally Nelson).
 Isaac (? , Maude Wolf).
 William Pinkney (Luna Byrd).
 Charles Benham (Hannah Ruddell).
 Laura (Hinkle Dice).
 Jenny (Baxter Heavner).
 Betty (Sherman Iden).
 John (Maude Simmons).
 Earnest, died, age 25 years.
 Nettie Susan (Earnest Mullenax, b. 1887), b. 1885. Earnest, son of
 Edward Mullenax, b. 1828, and Mary Mowery.
 Fred (Virgie Bodkins).

Children of Jacob Simmons and Sally Nelson

- 7—Jesse, Bernard, Theodore, Joseph, Viola, George.

Children of Isaac Nelson

By 1st wife

By 2nd wife

- 7—Ludie, Joseph. Nelson, Harry.

Children of William Pinkney Simmons

- 7—Len (Etta Rader).
 Sis (? Ruddell). Have 15 children. All living in 1958.
 Beulah (Charles Miller). Have several children.
 Gilda (? Hedrick).

Child of Len Pinkney Simmons

- 8—Alda Rader.

Child of Gilda Pinkney Simmons

- 8—Larry.

Children of Charles Benham Simmons

- 7—Roy (Maude Dunkle). Had one child, Joe.
 Leda (Roy Ruddell). Have several children.
 Berna (Mike Judy). No children.

Children of Laura Simmons and Hinkle Dice

- 7—Fred (Mary Hoover). Had 4 children.
 Marguite (Clinton Kimble). Have several children.
 Bonnie (Hugh Hedrick).
 Evelyn (? Kiser). Have 2 children.

Children of John Simmons and Maude Simmons

- 7—Herman, Kermit, one other boy.

Children of Nettie Susan Simmons and Earnest Mullenax

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- 7—Josiah E. (Dorothy McCrea), b. 1906.
 Hazel (John Scott), b. 1907.
 Mildred (Herbert McClellan Ash), b. 1911. No children.
 Maxine Susan (William Raymond), b. 1921.

Child of Josiah Mullenax and Dorothy McCrea

- 8—Joanne, b. 1934.

Child of Hazel Mullenax

- 8—Patricia Ann (Henny Davis).



J. E. Mullenax, Austin VanMeter, B. F. Teeter and Arthur Walters.

Fishing party of nine—4 from Flintstone, Md., 5 from Paturant Naval Base. Fish caught near Paturant Naval Base target ship off of Smith Island, Chesapeake Bay. Fish was 5 ft. long, weight 60 lbs.—1950.

Children of Patricia Ann

- 9—Joseph Earnest, b. 1952.
Susan Lynn, b. 1956.

Children of Maxine

- 8—William, Jr., b. 1952.
Rodney, b. 1954.

Child of Fred Simmons

- 7—Orie, married. Have children.

JOHN SHREVE

John Shreve, with whom we start the Shreve family, came from Loudoun County, Va., and settled in the Smoke Hole region of Pendleton County, W. Va. Some of his descendants still live around and near their ancestral home, but several of each generation have moved to other parts of the state and to other states.

1—John Shreve (Eliza Platt of Loudoun Co., Va.). Buried in Smoke Hole.

Children of John Shreve and Eliza Platt

2—Daniel (Lucinda ?), 1795-1873.

John P. (Hannah Ayers), b. 1795, m. 1827.

Nancy (Philip Hedrick), b. 1801, m. 1819.

Jane S., 1803-1882.

Lucinda (Elihu Hedrick), b. 1806.

Amos (Mary Magdaline Arbogast), b. 1810.

Eliza (Jesse VanMeter), b. 1810.

James, b. 1812.

William (Rebecca Helmick), b. 1816.

Mary (John Long), b. 1820.

Benjamin W. (Lucinda McUlty), 1824-1906.

Children of Daniel Shreve

3—Hiram W., b. 1832. Moved to Ill.

Sampson P.

Mary E.

Daniel Y. (Mary Kimble of Smoke Hole).

Phoebe E.

Mahala E.

Cyrus H. (Emily Holloway). Moved to Md.

Theresa.

Julia A. (George Eagle).

Carolina (George Hill).

Lucinda (David VanMeter).

Children of William Shreve and Rebecca Hedrick

3—Wesley (Mary Harper).

Clark, Zachariah, Kenny, Jane, Louisa, Ann J. Family moved to Ind.

Children of Amos Shreve and Mary Magdaline Arbogast

3—Nicodemus (Sarah Catherine Huffman), 1842-1920.

Benjamin (Hannah Ketterman), b. 1847.

Edith Jane (Adam Fisher Helmick), 1849-1932, m. 1863.

Jesse D. (Eliza Armentrout), b. 1851.

Ann Rebecca, b. 1854.

Nancy E. (John E. Ayres), b. 1856.

Children of Nicodemus Shreve and Sarah Catherine Huffman

4—Margaret Ann (David Clark Mowrey), 1863-1890.

George Edward, 1865-1883.

Charles Asberry (Maggie Johnson, m. 1892), 1867-1953.

Mary Etta (William W. Golightley), 1869-1947.

Clara Alice (Arthur C. Simpson), 1871-1944. Went to Calif.

Ida Elizabeth (Charles Adam Alt), 1874-1944, m. 1891.

John Newton (Carrie Etta Lambert), 1876-1946.

Julia H. (Shannon Immes), 1879-1927.

Phoebe Catherine (Bartlett B. Nethkin), 1882. Lives in Baltimore, Md.

Ervin, 1885-1886.

Children of Ida Elizabeth Shreve and Charles Adam Alt

- 5—Alvin Vernon Aubrey (Sarah Jane Nesselrodt), b. 1892, m. 1920.
 Ida Belle, 1894-1911.
 Charles Austin, (Nola Adrin Dean), b. 1895, m. 1921.
 Estella Pearl (Jesse James Mowrey), b. 1895, m. 1919.
 Eston Clement (Margaret Hillard), b. 1899, m. 1929.
 Isaac Ray, 1901-1901.
 Hubert Otis (Edna Rebecca Norris), 1901-1930, m. 1928.
 Etta Olive (Wm. Oga McGuinness), b. 1905, m. 1926.
 Louise Edith (Fred Nelson Hinkle), b. 1908, m. 1928.
 Gladys May (Richard E. Kaelin), 1910-1955, m. 1946.
 Julia Jewel (George Hansel Thompson), b. 1912, m. 1933.
 Donna Elizabeth (Jermi Kimble), b. 1917, m. 1934.

Children of Charles Austin Alt and Nola Adrin Dean

- 6—Charles Ray (Edith Helmick), b. 1922, m. 1942.
 Richard.
 Glenn.
 Mae (? ?).

Children of Charles Ray Alt and Edith Helmick

- 7—Lana Doreen, b. 1945.
 Carol Ann, b. 1946. Virginia Fay, b. 1952.
 Jacqueline Mae, b. 1948. Ray Edward, b. 1954.
 Wayne Write, b. 1950. Sandra Kay, b. 1957.

Children of Estelle Pearl Alt and Jesse James Mowrey

- 6—Jessie Pearl (James Plaughter), b. 1920.
 Morie James (Irene ?), b. 1928.

Children of Jessie Pearl Mowrey and James Plaughter

- 7—Margaret. David.
 Philip. Janice.

Child of Morie James Mowrey and Irene ?

- 7—Susan Arlene, b. 1958. Living at Milwaukee, Wis.

Children of Eston Clement Alt and Margaret Hillard

- 6—George Ervin (Carolyn Yvonne Ament), b. 1930, m. 1953. Lives at Cheswick, Pa.
 Mary Edith, b. 1931.
 Susan May (Jack Dennis McArdle), b. 1934, m. 1952. Living at Pittsburgh, Pa.
 Esta Louise, b. 1937. Living at Springdale, Pa.
 Peggy Lou, b. 1942. Living at New Kensington, Pa.
 Ella Irene, b. 1943, and
 Donna Jean, b. 1943, twins.

Children of George Ervin Alt and Carolyn Yvonne Ament

- 7—Gloris Dawn, b. 1953. Lives at New Kensington, Pa.
 Georgia Ann, b. 1955.
 Carolyn Thelma, b. 1956.
 Calvin Earl, b. 1958.

Children of Susan May Alt and Jack Dennis McArdle

- 7—Becky Sue, b. 1953. Lives at New Kensington, Pa.
 Connie Jean, b. 1954.
 Jack Dennis, Jr., b. 1955.
 Patrick Keith, b. 1957.
 Dwain Curtis, 1959-1959, died at Baltimore, Md.

Children of Hubert Otis Alt and Edna Rebecca Norris

- 6—Esby Norris, b. 1928. Lives at Cumberland, Md.
 Melvin Paul, 1929-1929.
 Ruth Elaine (John Wolfe), b. 1930, m. 1949. Lives at Baltimore, Md.

Children of Etta Olive Alt and Wm. Ogadoris McGuinness

- 6—William Melvin (Rosemary Morgan), b. 1927, m. 1948. Lives at Upper Tract, W. Va.
 Evelyn Catherine (Curtis Alvie Kimble), b. 1928, m. 1950.
 Violet Elizabeth, 1930-1930.
 Naomi Ruth (Kermit Melvin Alt), b. 1934, m. 1951.
 Charles Arthur (Margaret Susan Blizzard), b. 1935, m. 1950.
 James Grant (Bonnie Josephine Rohrbaugh), b. 1936.
 Maryetta Permelia (Orlie Maurice Pennington, Jr.), b. 1940, m. 1956.
 Lowell Mae, b. 1945.

Children of Wm. Melvin McGuinness and Rosemary Morgan

- 7—Donald William, b. 1950. Lives at Keyser, W. Va.
 Charles Edward, b. 1952.
 Allen Lee, b. 1953.
 Dianne Rose, b. 1956.

Children of Evelyn Catherine McGuinness and Curtis Alvie Kimble

- 7—James Dale, b. 1949. Lives at Brushy Run, W. Va.
 Curtis Alvie, b. 1951.
 Jane Etta Mae, b. 1952.
 Jackie Deon, b. 1954.

Children of Charles Arthur McGuinness and Margaret Susan Blizzard

- 7—Betty Dianna, b. 1952. Lives at Keyser, W. Va.
 Sharon Lea, b. 1953.

Children of Maryetta Permelia McGuinness and Orlie Maurice Pennington, Jr.

- 7—Douglas William, b. 1957. Lives at Cumberland, Md.
 Debra Lynn, b. 1958.

Children of Louise Edith Alt and Fred Nelson Hinkle

- 6—Bonnie Lou (Leslie Anderson), b. 1935, m. 1950. Lives at mouth of Seneca, W. Va.
 Vivan Earl, b. 1934.
 Ruby Mae (Lee Henry White), b. 1935, m. 1955.
 Rodney Brooks, b. 1938. Lives at Elizabeth, Pa.
 Vella June, b. 1940.
 Norma Jean, b. 1942.
 Susan Elizabeth, b. 1943.
 Leonard Charles, b. 1945. Lives at Slippery Rock, Pa.
 Johnnie Clinton, b. 1947.

Children of Bonnie Lou Hinkle and Leslie James Anderson

- 7—Lester James, 1950-1950. Lived at Grove City, Pa.
 Donna Lou, b. 1951.
 Linda Sue, b. 1953.
 Cynthia Ann, b. 1957.

Children of Ruby Mae Hinkle and Lee Henry White

- 7—Barbara Jean, b. 1957. Lives at Sewickley, Pa.
 Janice Lee, b. 1958.

Child of Gladys May Alt

- 6—Joseph Adam Smith (Minnie Doris Heim), b. 1930. Lives at Baltimore, Md.

Children of Joseph Adam Smith and Minnie Doris Heim

- 7—Joseph Adam, Jr., b. 1955. Lives at Baltimore, Md.
Deborah Louise, b. 1957.

Children of Donna Elizabeth Alt and Kermit Kimble

- 6—Shirley Faye (Emerson Hartman), b. 1935, m. 1953. Lives at Brushy Run, W. Va.
Linda McKee (Donald Moyer), b. 1937, m. 1957.
Cecil Kermit, b. 1941.
Dwight Douglas, b. 1944, and
Donald Dewey, 1944-1944, twins.

Children of Shirley Faye Kimble and Emerson Hartman

- 7—Karen Lucretia, b. 1954. Lives at Petersburg, W. Va.
Michael Emerson, b. 1957. Lives at Harrisonburg, Va.

Child of Linda McKee Kimble and Donald Moyer

- 7—Krystol Lynn, b. 1960. Lives at Washington, D. C.

AMOS SHREVE

The information concerning the history of Amos Shreve and his descendants has been compiled by and given to me by a great-granddaughter of his, Mrs. Julia A. Thompson of 3422 Elmley Avenue, Baltimore 13, Maryland, February 24, 1960.

Mrs. Thompson has additional information and is continuously searching for more. She will be happy to correspond and exchange any record or material which she has.

SHREVE FAMILY IN THE SMOKE HOLES,
PENDLETON COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

According to tradition there was John Shreve and his Uncle Joseph Shreve, came to what is known as the Smoke Holes, now Pendleton County, West Virginia, in 1791; and that John Shreve was the father of my great-grandfather, Amos Shreve, who was born, lived and died in that section. They hailed from Loudoun County, Virginia. Most of Amos Shreve's descendants lived and died in West Virginia, mostly in Pendleton County.

History of Pendleton County, West Virginia, by O. F. Morton, page 289, states that John was a nephew to Joseph Shreve. This writer claims that John Shreve married Eliza Platt and the names of their children are listed in his book. He also states that Joseph Shreve died west of the Alleghenies.

In the Congressional Library in Washington, D. C., I found another book entitled "The Smoke Hole and Its People" No. 3 Folk Studies, State Department of Education, 1940—by Becker, on page 13:

"THE FIRST FAMILIES"

"During the sixties and early seventies of the 18th century came other settlers like John and Joseph Shreve, who migrated from Loudoun County, Virginia, and settled near Smoke Hole Cave, their settlement was first locally known as Loudoun and the inhabitants were called Loudouners—and the first Alts, Judys and Selfs, the progenitors of numerous descendants who even today till the fields and hunt the forest on land granted to

their forefathers. *John Shreve was a Methodist Preacher*, and built his log cabin with one room large enough to accommodate all of the settlers on nearby farms and conducted the first Church service in the Smoke Hole."

In further search I have found that an anonymous writer claims that the wife of John Shreve was named Lucinda Pratt. I am inclined to believe the anonymous writer until I prove him false. I have found no information, as yet, on the wife of John Shreve, as to whom her family is.

JULIA A. THOMPSON

A SKETCH OF MY LIFE

By: Julia Jewel (Alt) Thompson



*George H. Thompson and Julia A. Thompson,
3422 Elmley Avenue, Baltimore 13, Maryland.*

I, Julia Jewel (Alt) Thompson was born the 13th of September, 1912, near Upper Tract, Pendleton County, West Virginia. Daughter of Charles Adam Alt, who was the son of Captain Isaac Alt of Smoke Hole mountain, and Ida Elizabeth Shreve, daughter of Nicodemus Shreve who was a grandson of John Shreve, who migrated from Loudoun County, Virginia, in 1791.

On February 13, 1933, I became the bride of George Hansel Thompson, son of George Otis Thompson and Bessie Alice Hartman, of Ruddle, Pendleton County, West Virginia, by Rev. I. E. Steyer, a Methodist minister of Upper Tract.

We resided in Upper Tract until the year of 1939, at which time we moved to Winchester, Virginia, to seek employment. We resided in this town until March of 1942. When World War II was in full swing we went to Baltimore, Maryland, to work in defense plants. This has been our home since that time. We own the property on which we reside.

I have not been blessed with a family, therefore keep myself busy outside of my home.

As a young girl, I attended Grammar School, as most children do. But High School was thirteen miles from home and there was no means of transportation. Since I was one of a large family my parents were not financially able to support my boarding out; therefore, I did not attend High School. On coming to Baltimore, I took a short course in business school, where I learned typing and shorthand. For the past nine years I have been employed in an office as a Steno-Clerk.

I am a convert to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, (more commonly known as "Mormon"), as well as my husband, to which we devote a considerable amount of enjoyable time. I have had the privilege of going to Salt Lake City and going through the Temple, which I consider one of the highlights of my life.

Children of Benjamin W. Shreve

- 3—Anjemima (Samuel H. Nelson), b. 1846. Died with measles. Buried in Wolford Graveyard on the Fork side of North Mountain. Buried with husband, Samuel H. Nelson, daughter, Martha and others.

Matilda, died young.

Mary or Betty?

Emily C. (Calvin Kimble, 1853-1925), 1853-1908. Buried in Shreve Cemetery.

John W. (Hadie J. Kimble, 1863-1943), 1858-1915. Buried at Brushy Run, W. Va.

James F. (Samilda Ayers). Buried in Shreve Cemetery.

Benjamin F. (Sarah Judy, Lavina Helmick). Buried in Shreve Cemetery.

Andrew B. (Joanna Shreve). Buried in Shreve Cemetery.

Noah, died young.

Children of Anjemima Shreve

- 4—See descendants of Samuel H. Nelson and Anjemima Shreve.

Child of Mary or Betty Shreve

- 4—Wilbur. Married but had no children.

Children of Emily C. Shreve and Calvin Kimble

As compiled by their son, John Edward Kimble, of Smoke Holes.

- 4—Lucinda (George Alt, Sammy K. Nelson). Living in 1958.

Mary (Zachariah Alt).

Minnie (Thomas Shreve).

Frank, 1881-1944.

Andy, b. 1884, died age 3 years.

Della (A. V. Kimble), b. 1887.

Henry A., b. 1890.

John Edward (Zadie Kisamore), b. 1893.

Children of Lucinda

- 5—Andy C. (Edna Ketterman). Lives at Smoke Holes.

Emma (Alvin Self).

Zerna (Harrison VanMeter).

By 2nd marriage—Esta (Grant VanMeter).

Children of Andy C. Alt

- 6—Kermit.

Edith (Robert Holoway).

Alen (Dora VanMeter).

Minnie (Urshel Stump).

Ruth (Willie Helmick).

Charles (Freda Judy).

Mary Ann (Dewey Miller).

Marlan S., James S.

Children of Mary Kimble and Zachariah Alt

- 5—Stella (Frank Alt).
 Myrtle (Will Layton). Okey T. (Kate Calhoun).
 Glona (Vernon Kimble). Minnie (Raymond Kimble).
 Frank (May VanMeter). Alberta (Paul Morehead).
 Warnie (Mable Kimble). Golden (Anna Beam).

Children of Minnie Kimble and Thomas Shreve

- 5—Tressa (Guy Kimble).
 Willie (Laura Conrad). Daniel (Minnie Kimble).
 Frank. Beulah, Retha, Bessie.

Children of Della Kimble and A. V. Kimble

- 5—Rosie (Floyd Kisamore).
 Olie (Viola Harman). Have children.
 Kenny (Mary Kimble). Have children.
 Violet (Curtis Harman).

Children of Rosie Kimble and Floyd Kisamore

- 6—Ressie (Marvin Bible), b. 1929. Lives at Sheer, W. Va.
 Jacob (Grace Lions), b. 1930. Medley, W. Va.
 Mae (Virgil Goldizen), b. 1932. Sissonville, W. Va.
 Dayton, b. 1933. Single.
 Hazel, (Don Smith), b. 1935. Corning, N. Y.
 Floyd, Jr., (Verda Nelson), b. 1937.
 Denton (Eunice Nelson), b. 1939.
 Della Marie, b. 1941.
 Gloria Jean.
 Rosa Lee, b. 1945.
 Rettie, b. 1947.

Child of Ressie Kisamore and Marvin Bible

- 7—Eugene, b. 1950.

Children of Jacob Kisamore and Grace Lions

- 7—Norma Jean, Hilda, Butch, Joyce Elizabeth, 2 others.

Children of Mae Kisamore and Virgil Goldizen

- 7—Wayne, George, Patricia, Randy.

Children of Hazel Kisamore and Don Smith

- 7—Randy, Rhonda K.

Children of Violet Kimble and Curtis Harman

- 6—Richard (? ?). Have children. Donna Faey (? ?). Have children.
 Doris Jean (? ?). Have children. Joan, Curtis.

The above information concerning the descendants of Della Kimble and A. V. Kimble was given by Mrs. Rosie Kisamore and her son, Dayton Kisamore in 1960.

Information on descendants of Olie and Kenny Kimble lacking.

Children of John Edward Kimble and Zadie Kisamore

- 5—Virgil (Nellie Wilfong).
 May, died, aged 3 years. Arvella (William Rosenberg).
 Eston (Mildren Mullenax). No children.
 Carl (Ellowene Kesner). Dolly (Burnis Kile).
 Alvie (Evelyn Rigglesman). Joy (Sterle Lambert).
 Isom (Mildren Kile). Thelma (Carl Mullenax).
 Harlam (Ressie Alt). Evelyn (Don Huffman).

Children of Virgil

6—Betty Jo, Polly, Barbara, Nancy, Wayne, Bruce.

Children of Eston

6—Barbara, Stevie, Trent.

Children of Carl

6—Carl, Jr., Joseph, Johnny.

Children of Alvie

6—Shirley, Alvie Delmas, Linda, Patsy, Carol, Larry, Sharon, Debra.

Children of Isom

6—Dennis, Denese.

Children of Harlam

6—Brinda, Pamela, Teresa.

Children of Dollie

6—Jimmy, Wanda, Ricky.

Child of Joy

6—Douglas Edwards.

Children of Thelma

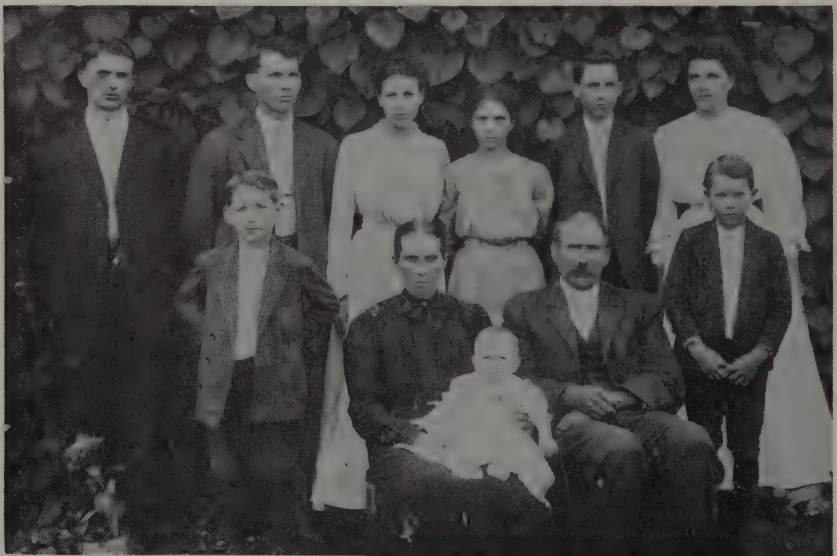
6—Kelly, Michael.

Child of Evelyn

6—Angela.

End of Emily C. Shreve descendants.

JOHN W. SHREVE



*Family of John W. Shreve and wife, Hadie B. Kimble,
Brusy Run, W. Va. Picture taken around 1910.*

John Shreve, a brother of Grandmother Anjemima Shreve, lived for many years at Brushy Run. He and others of his family are buried in the Brushy Run Cemetery not far from his home. His son, John Byron, is now living at the home place. Besides being the Postmaster, he is engaged in farming and other activities. He and his son furnished the following list of John W. Shreve's descendants.

Children of John W. Shreve

- 4—William Bert (Thelma Poling), b. 1886.
 Edgar, died young.
 Alvin V. (Cleda Bowers), b. 1889.
 Eva M. (Hoy Kisamore's second wife), b. 1891.
 Annie M., died young.
 John Byron (Ester Cook), b. 1895.
 Verda A. (Ira Yokum), b. 1897.
 H. Isom, 1900-1948.
 E. Carl (Ethel McGuire), b. 1904. No children.

Children of William Bert

- 5—Alice Jean, William B., Jr.

Children of Alvin V.

- 5—Ressa J. (Grant Alt).
 Thelma (Jack Fortney).
 Alvin Bowers (Mabel Painter).
 Imogene (Melvin Alt).

Child of Ressa J.

- 6—Sue Ann (Keith Allen).

Children of Sue Ann

- 7—Cynthia, Keith.

Children of Thelma

- 6—Nancy, Jane.

Children of Alvin Bowers

- 6—Beth, Douglas, Kitty, Evalyn, Peggy, Dennis.

Children of Imogene

- 6—Polly.
 Judith (Edward Wiley).
 Joe, Jerry.

Child of Judith

- 7—Tressa.

Children of John Byron

- 5—Reginald B. (Viola Mowery).

Children of Verda A.

- 5—Elton. Killed in World War II.
 Shirley (Helen VanMeter).
 Wayne (Clarence Hedrick).
 Paul (Eleanor Kimble).

Children of Shirley

- 6—Allen, Brent.

Child of Wayne

- 6—Larry.

End of John W. Shreve's descendants.

Children of James E. Shreve

4—Harrison (Della Teter).

Andy (Tude VanMeter, Lurah Day), b. 1886. Lives at Alpene, W. Va.

Emma, d., age 4 yrs.

Cora (Blaine Teter, b. 1887), b. 1890.

Edward McKee, d., age 1 yr.

Joseph, d., age 17 yrs.

Sadie (Morgan Moran, Isam Lambert).



Harrison Shreve and wife, Della Teeter. Harrison b. in Smoke Hole in 1881, d. in 1912, buried in Turner Graveyard on North Fork in Pendleton Co., W. Va. Della's first husband.

Harrison and Cora Shreve listed in this book under children of Della Teter and Harrison Shreve and Blaine Teter and Cora Shreve.



L. to R.: Captain Charles L. Shreve; Ingeberg Sonja Menne Shreve, from Mannheim, Germany, holding baby; Sonja Marie Shreve; Evelyn Alt Shreve; Rennie Shreve; Page Paxton; Della Teeter Paxton. Showing four generations: Della to Rennie to Captain Charles to Sonja Marie.

Children of Andy Shreve

5—Arlie. Married and has several children.

By 2nd marriage

Kermit and Curtis, twins.

Children of Sadie

5—Bulah (Charles Williams).

Monzel.

Children of Bulah

6—Donald, Dorothy, Ronald.

End of James E. Shreve's descendants.

Children of Benjamin F. Shreve

Compiled by his daughter, Ettie Alt.

- 4—Ira (Myrtle Alt), b. 1891. No children.
 Ettie F. (Charlie B. Alt, b. 1888), b. 1897.
 Harvey Clem (Getty Kimble), b. 1900.
 George V. (Minnie Judy, b. 1913), b. 1908.

Children of Etta F.

- 5—Mable R. (Hershel Weasenforth), b. 1912.
 Benjamin I., 1914-1933.
 Beula M. (E. L. Staggs), b. 1917.
 Dayton D. (Eva McVoy, b. 1920), b. 1920.
 Bessie C. (C. H. Robinson, b. 1914), b. 1922.
 Mary M. (James F. Neff, b. 1920), b. 1924.
 Charles B. (Pauline Dawson), b. 1926.
 Ira C. (Elaine Kimble, b. 1927), b. 1928.
 Robert L. (Tina E. Kimble), b. 1930.
 Ruth D. (John O. Fazenbaker), b. 1934.

Children of Mabel R.

- 6—Wanda L. (J. C. Pryce), b. 1931.
 Thelma E. (George From, ? ?), b. 1932.
 Michael T., b. 1952.

Children of Wanda L.

- 7—Debra J., b. 1952.
 Kenneth W., b. 1957.

Children of Thelma E.

- 7—Bradly, b. 1955.
 Two others by second husband.

Children of Dayton D.

- 6—Delores J., b. 1941.
 James D., b. 1943.
 Sandra K., b. 1948.

Children of Bessie C.

- 6—Bettie Jo (Billy Joe Boggs), b. 1940.
 Patricia Ann, b. 1941.
 Judith C., b. 1946.
 Steven D., b. 1951.
 Cecila M., b. 1953.
 Barbara J., b. 1954.

Child of Bettie Jo

- 7—Pamela R., b. 1958.

Children of Mary M.

- 6—Ronald W., b. 1951.
 James F., b. 1953.
 Robert P., b. 1956.

Child of Charles B.

- 6—Sherry Lynn, b. 1957.

Children of Ira C.

- 6—Gary S., b. 1947, died 1948.
 Randell L., b. 1952.

Children of Robert L.

- 6—Ellen E., b. 1951.
 Thomas J., b. 1953.
 Lary M., b. 1955.
 Robert D., b. 1957.

Child of Ruth D.

- 6—John O., b. 1957.

Children of Harvey Clem Shreve

- 5—Herman C. (Vada Judy).
 Gertie (Harold Miley). Opel (Harlan Kimble).
 Noland. Parker, Dianna, Jim.
 Freda. Mary K. (Rich Kimble).
 Annilate. Killed in car wreck. Harvey C., Jr.

Children of George Vernon Shreve

- 5—Lon (? Kimble).
 David.
 Ruth (? Mowery).

Children of Andrew B. Shreve and Joanna Shreve

Compiled by Ona Curtis Shreve.



*Eagle Rock in Smoke Hole, W. Va.—1959. (L.)
 Ona Shreve of Brushy Run. (R.) B. F. Teeter of Md.*

- 4—Austin B. (Emily Alt), 1895-1957.
 Emma F. (George E. Alt), 1897-1924.
 Floda (Benjamin F. Alt), b. 1899.
 Orpha (Osa Judy), b. 1901.
 Lucy (Nolan Kimble), b. 1903.
 Ethel (Osa Alt), b. 1905.
 Effie, died, age 2 years.
 Benjamin Ottis (Clemmit Kimble), b. 1909.
 Ona Curtis (Hazel Kimble), b. 1912.
 Andrew B., b. 1914.

Children of Austin B. Shreve

- 5—First two, died infants.
 Estyl Curtis (Gertie Kimble).
 Loy.
- Donna B. (Rosilee Keesecker).
 Cletis (Elane Judy).
 Bonnie.

Children of Emma Florence

- 5—Melvin (Imogene Shreve).
 Forest.
 Boy, died infant.
- Earl (Jean Puffenberger).
 Vernon (Janette Cosner).

Children of Floda

- 5—Freda (Charlie Borrer).
 Snoden B. (Boots Judy).
 Emory Kee.
 Jesse (Junior Grady).
- Helen (Keith Miller).
 Dora (Ralph Keplinger).
 Joan (Ralph Rigglesman).
 Judith (Charles Dean).

Children of Orpha

- 5—Goldie (Andy Kimble).
 Vada (Herman Shreve).
 Verda (Denver Cobrad).
 Denver (Bonnie Kimble).
 Rodney (Lucille Adamson).

Children of Goldie

- 6—Vada and Verda, twins.

Children of Lucy

- 5—Dewey, Golden, Pinkney, Harlen, Ganiel.

Children of Ethel

- 5—Velma (Mervin Kimble).
 Audry (Arvil Mowery).
 Ressie (Harlen Kimble).
 Clinton.

Children of Benjamin Ottis

- 5—Benjamin, Jr., James, Michael, Wanda.

Children of Ona Curtis Shreve

- 5—Walter, b. 1931. Making the Navy his career.
 Yvonna (Augusta Hall), b. 1932.
 Annett (Ronald Kimble), b. 1936.
 Jannett (Alvin Kimble), b. 1936.

End of the Shreve family.

GLENDALE CEMETERY

GLENDALE CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN CEMETERY OF FLINTSTONE, Inc.

Located on the farm of and purchased from Rev. J. W. Bible.

(Turn to next page for Cemetery picture)

The final resting place of several Grant and Pendleton people who moved to Flintstone during the last 60 years. Elsie Teeter in picture.

Buried here from Timber Ridge and other parts of Pendleton Co. are:

Rev. J. W. Bible and wife, Ida Morral.

Fred Bible.

H. C. Mallow and wife, Margaret Dolly.

Frank Nelson.

J. G. Dolly and wife, Virginia Mallow.

Mary Hedrick and son, Walter Harper.

Earnest Mullenax.

Johnad Kettermen and wife, Ruth Dolly.

William Bowman and wife, ? Porter.

C. G. Porter and wife and Wm. Porter from Grant Co.

Enoch VanMeter and wife, Nora Teeter.

Page Paxton.

Wm. E. Alt and wife, Sarah Judy.

Wm. E. Alt's daughter, Bertha Kifer.

Mary Wimer Dolly.

Mrs. J. A. Mallow, ? Stonestreet.

Charlie Turner.

James (Jim) Blizzard, descendant from the Nelson family of Grant.

Wm. Hall.

Rev. B. Y. S. Teeter of Pendleton and wife.

Emily C. Nelson of Grant.

Henry Teeter of Grant.

Samuel Curtis Teeter of Grant.

Emma Jane Teeter Imes of Grant and daughter.

Ivy Imes Hilligas.

Edw. S. May of Lost River, Va.

L. H. Dolly of Pendleton and wife.

Belinda Nelson of Grant.

Gustava Kettermen Bennett of Pendleton Co.

And several children of West Virginian's.



*Elsie Teeter in Glendale Cemetery, Flintstone, Md.
Taken by B. F. Teeter in 1960.*

THE INDIVIDUAL

A person who imagines that it is not worth-while to give thought about his foreparents or the people of yesterday has no right to expect that his descendants or the descendants of his relatives and friends of tomorrow will give a second thought to himself. Such a creed is selfish and narrow. If one does not respect the achievements of the past, he could nor would contribute but little for improvement in the future.

The individual is what he is because of the sum total of two factors, heredity and environment. The hereditary traits have been passed down to him, through the genes in the germ cell, from many generations of his foreparents. They combine in so many ways that no two people are exactly alike. It would seem as if all the children of the same two parents should be exactly alike but nature has arranged it so they are not exactly alike. Children of the same parents will have many similar features but there are differences also so that each will be an individual unlike any other. This within itself is one of the many wonderful laws of nature. One cannot control or modify such hereditary traits that he is born with, such as the color of his skin, eyes, hair and many other features but his surroundings also play a large part in shaping or molding the finished product, the grown-up individual.

It has been said that an individual is a part of all things that he has been exposed to or came in contact with during his entire life. This is especially true of the early years of one's life. Hence the people of one region will acquire similarities of speech and other mannerisms that slightly differ from people living in another region. A person might be able to pinpoint what state or region an individual is from by hearing his speech. Such regional differences is of course brought about by environmental conditions and not heredity.

Regional differences do still exist to a certain extent today, but due to improved transportation and communication facilities, those differences are disappearing rapidly. The city people are spending more time among the country folks and more country folks are making more visits to the city. This factor, together with the consolidation of schools, television and many other improved facilities are breaking down the regional differences thus creating a more homogenous people.

When all of those factors have run their full course there still will remain some difference between people living in different regions, because the things that are different in each region will still exist. Unlike a film in a camera that becomes indistinct when exposed too long, the sensory organs of the individual can hardly be over exposed. The longer the exposure the clearer and more lasting the picture becomes. Every individual retains certain impressions of the regions in which he has lived. Individuals who live or who have lived in the North Fork or the South Branch region, of Grant and Pendleton Counties, will retain impressions of those regions for the rest of their lives, no matter where they may roam.

One cannot forget the deep valleys, the steep hills, the rocks protruding along the valleys and on the mountain tops, the music of the small swift brooks, the course voice of the river, the color of the forest and the many other interesting things. Some of my encounters with some of those elements, when a boy, I will narrate.

At this point the writer wishes to explain that he is writing the contents of the following pages so that the reader, especially the reader of future generations may get an idea of the living conditions in the early nineteen hundreds. It will serve as a bridge from the future to the past. There can be no bridge from the present into the future only that of one's imagination but once the future becomes the past, the bridge, or knowl-

edge of man's achievements is already finished. Most people living today anticipate that the future will witness many changes in living conditions. The next hundred years may see as many changes as the past has achieved. The many factors that effects our daily lives now may be as obsolete then as are the factors of yesteryears obsolete now.

The writer wishes to emphasize the fact that sixty years ago, when he was a small boy, that that part of Grant and Pendleton Counties in which he lived had no trains, busses or automobiles. There was no electricity. The roads crossing streams were unbridged. There were no High Schools. There was no hospital. Doctors or dentists were hard to get to and one had not heard of an undertaker. Unemployment benefits, Federal old age pensions and Public Welfare Assistance had never been heard of or even dreamed about. Doctors carried their own pills so there were no Drug stores. There were no disinfectants other than kerosene, turpentine, fire and boiling water. There were no pain pills such as aspirin and no tranquilizers. People ate plain foods but knew nothing about the fad of vitamin pills. T.B. (Consumption) of the lungs was the big killer. It hit the aged and nursing mothers the hardest. All mothers breast fed their babies. The baby death rate was high. Reading material was scarce. Being before the TV age, people had time to meditate, talk and visit.

People differed from each other then as they do today. Many owned their own homes. Some lived on the mountain sides and some in the valleys. Some had large acreage and some had small acreage. Some had but one horse with which he did his farm work and traveling while others had teams. If a man owned a team, wagon, horse mower, horse rake and plows he was considered pretty well off. A few had a riding horse in addition to their teams. The hard conditions of life had made them what on the surface may seem selfish. They would barter to the last penny when buying, selling, trading or when having any business transaction but they were ready to help anyone in distress.

The cash income per family varied then as it does today. It amounted to from \$100.00 to \$500.00 with a few exceptions either way. They were able to get along because they had learned to control their appetities and did not buy anything that they could make for themselves or anything that they could do without. Who would argue that they were not, from a financial angle, as well off as are the people of today, who have much larger incomes and a mortgage of from one to ten years on their future earnings.

Calves, cattle, sheep for meat and wool were the best cash crops since they could be driven to markets. Poultry, eggs, milk, butter and a variety of other farm crops were raised for home consumption. Some supplemented their food supply by hunting and fishing. Some added to their cash income by hunting fur animals, ginseng and work at peeling bark. Bark could be hauled to the local tanneries. To peel the bark and leave the tree unused was as wasteful as killing the buffalo for its hide or the elephant for its tusk. There was much good virgin timber but it was valueless except for home consumption. Many a piece of nice forest trees was burned to the ground or hauled off and left to decay in clearing land for cultivation.

If you could have visited with me in many homes in Grant and Pendleton Counties in the early 1900's, you would have seen some of the older methods of making clothing. Some fathers made the shoes for his entire family. He had to have upper leather, sole leather, shoe thread, tacks or wooden pins, last and awls. Hence the old saying, "The awl is used by all shoemakers." The women folks, especially during the winter, were making clothing. They needed strips of wool as it came from the carding machine, a spinning wheel, a loom and knitting needles. The spin-

ning wheel and the loom occupied a prominent space in the room that contained the heating stove or open fireplace. The carded wool was spun into yarn. The yarn was knitted into gloves, mittens, stockings and other apparel. The yarn was also woven on the loom into cloth. The cloth was made into bed clothing and wearing apparel. By this time the same families were buying some cotton goods from the store. Goods such as muslins, calico, gingham and ducking that was made into clothing.

A narrow dirt road led from Petersburg up the right side or on the Allegheny side of North Fork to Seneca, then on to Riverton and from there on to other points. The swollen streams caused by heavy rains and melting snows against the Allegheny Mountain often held up traveling on the North Fork Road because the streams were unbridged. People living across the river against the North Mountain side were sometimes prevented from getting to this county road or if they were on the west side of the river they were prevented from getting back home because of the swollen river. Those conditions are pointed out as a fact that they did exist. Other regions in growing up had their problems too.

A SHORT PERIOD OF PROSPERITY

With the coming of the railroad on the west side of the Allegheny Mountain, points like Thomas, Davis, Jennings, Laneville, Harman and Whitmar became centers of lumber industry. This created a demand for labor and farm produce. Men came from a radius of a hundred miles or more to work. The farm commodities had to be furnished from points closer by. Any able-bodied man could get work and many did. Those who were too old or too young to get employment discovered that they had a market and could sell all kinds of farm produce at those lumber centers. Meats, poultry, butter, fruits, even berries and garden vegetables such as lettuce, onions and radishes were in great demand.

It should be stated here that the virgin forest of this vast region was the best that nature grew in like climates. Only the best was harvested. That left better timber behind unused than most local lumbermen are cutting over today. Later on forest fires destroyed much of that which was left.

Once the railroad reached a point, say Laneville, a sawmill was erected that would employ a hundred or more men. From the mill, log train railroads were built out into the mountains. At various points lumber camps would be erected that employed around one hundred men each. The process was to keep the trees falling, the logs moving to the mill and the lumber moving on to markets.

Most of the mill workers moved their families to the center in order to be near their work. Some of the lumbermen did the same. Others living on small farms left the work to their wives and children and returned home Saturday night and Sunday. People worked six full days if the weather permitted. Others who lived at great distances would stay right in camp until they had made their stake before going home. Some men worked their farms in the summer and in the lumber woods during the winter. The wages of the camp workers were from \$1.25 to \$1.75 for a ten-hour working day. Mill workers pay was higher because they furnished their own lodging and board.

With the trains coming to the different points, mentioned before, on the west side of the Allegheny, the people of the North Fork region did most of their shopping there. The nearest railroad point had been at Keyser. That was a long distance for the merchants to haul their store supplies on wagons.

The people had known all along that the trains would stop coming to

Laneville and the other points when the timber supply was exhausted. It was the wishful thinking of some that coal might be found in sufficient quantities to keep the railroads operating, but this did not materialize, so the people turned to the pending possibility that a railroad might be built to Petersburg. Such a road, it was believed if built, would be permanent. No one at that time could foresee what good roads, trucks, busses and automobiles could and would do for the people of that region. People believed that once the railroad reached Petersburg that it would be extended on up North Fork and possible South Branch too. They believed that a railroad would be needed to move the lumber from the forest of that region.

Some forty years later an improved highway was built, some places on the old dirt road bed, up the North Fork valley. It is serving the people far better than a railroad could have done. One of its many uses is that it has enabled the consolidation of schools. Children of the once small one-room schools are now attending well equipped schools in larger centers. This alone is changing the environment of the young generation more than any other factor. One who has been away for awhile and returns, cannot help but notice the cultural and social changes that are taking place among all people and especially the younger generation. The writer has been informed that the 1960 class of the Petersburg High School is planning on taking a trip. Included in their itinerary is seeing some of the important places in Washington, D. C., Philadelphia and New York. All of this is many many steps forward from the one-room hewed log schools that the writer attended in the same region when he was a boy.

Many people of Grant and Pendleton Counties, of each generation moved away. Several moved on west to Ohio, Indiana, Illinois and other states. Others moved to nearer points to secure employment in mines and factories, but enough of each generation stayed within the counties to over-populate the good farming lands. Thus the over population resulted in finding new home sites, untill every bit of tillable land of this region was inhabited.

Today there are more people living along the improved road of North Fork than ever before but about all of the home sites located against the North and Allegheny Mountains have been vacated. A feeling of melancholy comes over one as he looks at the remnants of such a homesite. If the buildings are gone he will still be able to see a pile of stones where the fireplace stood, a few aged apple and cherry trees, traces of rail fences, an outline of a garden, the markings of a sled road, a lilac bush, the struggling survival of some domesticated rose, a mound where potatoes and apples were stored, a stone walled spring and piles of stones or a stone wall fence that had been moved from fields and garden. At some home sites a cluster of cedar or other trees standing on or against a hillside, with plain unhewed stones beneath, marking the final resting place of those who once lived there. Their bodies long since returned to the earth from whence they came and their spirits returned to the Creator. Who knows but that the spirit of some may be hovering o'er the hills and valleys and as such may be guiding angels of others today.

Space here does not permit the recording of names of the many families who lived on those now deserted home sites that the writer knew when a boy. The withdrawal from or vacating home sites is not confined to the mountain sides of Grant and Pendleton Counties but exist in most of the mountain regions of the eastern states. The writer can see three of such home sites from his window as he writes these lines and knows of many more close by in both Maryland and Pennsylvania.

The reason for making those new home sites in the first place and the

reason for vacating them was the same. To put it crudely it was the necessity of making a living. Years ago when they were made, tilling the soil was the only way that a living could be made in those communities. There was no place to go other than to move farther out and clear a spot in the virgin forest, thus starting a new homesite. Some generations later when more public works developed, it became easier to make a living by working on public works than tilling the partial worn out and often too few tillable acres that was vacated. A secondary reason that determined whether a home site was or was not evacuated was by its distance from good roads.

The melancholy feeling that comes to one while viewing a deserted home site is made more intense by visualizing the facts. To start each new home site, there were lovers who married, moved to those locations. They first cleared a small spot and then erected a cabin. This was accomplished in many instances by a work project or social event called a "House Raising". In such an event the neighbors pitched in to help. The women did the cooking and helped out with other home-making activities. The men felled the trees and erected the log dwelling. From here on the young couple took their own home making. They cleared some land and planted some fruit trees. A few cleared acres were added year by year, until slowed down or stopped by infirmities, age or death. The wife too had been busy. She made most of the clothing worn by the family, the quilts, comforts, blankets, straw and feather ticks, the pillow cases and other bed ware. She grew or helped cultivate the garden and did some field work. She milked the cows, churned the butter, picked the berries, canned and dried the berries and fruits. She did the cooking, kept the house clean and in most cases raised a large family.

Her aim was to be a lovely Eve to her husband, a comforting mother to her children, a counselor in selecting her son and daughter-in-laws. She looked eagerly forward to her next phase of work which was to give aid, comfort to and advice on raising her grandchildren. Her ambition did not abate with age but rather increased because by the time that the great grandchildren arrived, who could know more than Granny? Thus in the span of an average life there has been love, marriage, toil, anxieties, pain, some happiness and death.

The trend of moving away from the farm has continued on down to 1960. The major cause in recent years is that powered machinery is displacing the team or horse power. The farm that was large enough a few years ago to keep a man busy when using horse power is not large enough for a farmer with tractor power. Due to the high cost of modern farm machinery, a farmer with a small farm cannot afford it. Neither can he compete using horse power against the power equipped farmer. The result being that he had to purchase more farm land or stop farming. The end result is that one farmer owns, on an average, three farms of yesterday. Thus the trend continues, fewer and fewer farmers producing more food than has ever been produced before.

THE NEED FOR MORE PUBLIC OWNED LANDS

The need for more state and government and other types of public owned land is increasing with the ever increasing population. The public no longer should expect to get their enjoyment of out-door life by trespassing on farmers or other private owned land. The owners of such land should not have to go to the expense of posting their land to keep the public off any more than the city dweller should be required to post his lawn or patio to keep off trespassers.

Many people, if not all, need to spend some of their time in the Great Out-Doors. Some need it as a place where they can go and be alone to

meditate and absorb the activities and quietness of nature. Others need it for a place to go with their families or friends, for picnicking, hiking or camping. Many need it as a place to go fishing and hunting.

There are other benefits to be derived from public owned lands other than those named above. There is the license fee for hunting and fishing that goes to the state and the fee for the Federal Stamp that goes to the Government. Then there is the revenue that is returned to the state from the sale of matured timber. Another benefit is the water conservation and the reduced rate of erosion because of the forest. It also helps out greatly in the conservation of wild life. The roads leading to and through such public owned lands should be so constructed so that most regions can be fairly easily reached by all. What good is it to have fish in streams, animals in the forest and beautiful scenery if such places are kept inaccessible to people. Rules for tourists should be made easy to comply with. Every person entering upon such domain should be made to feel that he is part owner, which in fact he is.

While writing about myself in the following pages, I am fully aware that the incidents of my boyhood days may differ from others because of the place and time element. The period was far removed from the pioneer days when a family or a group of families moved out to carve a home site in the wilderness. That period belonged to our foreparents of Pendleton County. By 1900, there were well established farms along the North Fork and a scattering of homes along the slopes of the Allegheny and North Mountains. Because of the distance between homes, one was not able to make a very large selection of playmates but had to find them among the children of the nearest families. Because most parents kept their children rather busy there was not much time for getting together.

BIRTHPLACE AND SOME EARLY RECOLLECTIONS

Father had secured an acreage of land against the North Mountain. Later he bought some joining land from Hannah Nelson Blizzard. I was born there, in a log house that was later used for a stable, in 1897. Three years later he sold out to John Wolford, so the place may be referred to as the John Wolford Place.

He moved south to the next hollow called the Walnut Hollow. The log house, built by Elijah Shirk and Sis Nelson, was built as close the steep hill as possible. It was set back as far as it could be from a small brook. This was not quite far enough because due to the extreme steepness of the hollow and surrounding land this little brook became a raging torrent in a heavy downpour of rain.

During the two years that we lived in Walnut Hollow, which places me between 3 and 5 years old, there were several incidents that left memories with me. I am not able to arrange them in a chronological order.

The first dead person that I remember seeing was Solomon VanMeter. Mother's cousins often stopped by and spent a night or a few days with us. They, with my brother Blaine, would go fishing and often brought back a large string of nice bass and some times a string of eels. While eating fish one day a fish bone got stuck in my throat. I went into a spasm of crying. Mother tried to dislodge the bone by swobbing my throat with her finger. With the aid of my half-sisters pounding me on the back the bone was finally removed. I have found out later that by swallowing large bites of bread will most times carry the bone on down with it.

Later on my brother allowed me to go along with him when he went fishing, providing I promised him not to throw stones into the water. I was even allowed to wade out with him and climb upon some large rocks and watch the fish of many sizes swim about. I watched him cast his hook,

baited with a live mullet, out among the fish. The fish would dart rapidly away in different directions when the mullet splashed into the water but would soon return and gobble up the bait and swim rapidly away until stopped by setting of the hook.

Grandfather, Samuel H. Nelson and his son, Frank, built the Rich Woods School House. The building was located on a small flat between the top of the ridge and the hollow. This school house was a short half mile over the hill from where we lived in Walnut Hollow. As stated above, our house was located so close to a small run and the hills and the mountain were so steep that a heavy downpour of rain would soon make the small run a raging torrent. When a heavy thunderstorm threatened we would make way toward the school building as rapidly as possible. We mostly arrived dry but sometimes wet because we had waited too long in order to be sure that a downpour was coming. Sometimes we had to stay only a few hours, but other times we stayed all night. Most times there had been no damage done when we returned home, but on one occasion the iron kettles and sled, that had been left too close the run were swept away. The door that faced up the narrow valley was pushed open and a thick deposit of mud was left on the porch and house floor.

One morning when we had been forced to stay all night in the school house, sleeping on benches and the floor, we awoke and found the sun shining brightly. We were surprised to see our turkey hen making her breakfast on grasshoppers that she was catching near by. She had been missing for several days and we thought that she had been eaten by some wild animal but evidently she had been setting on her nest which must have been destroyed by the swollen waters in the storm.

Father was a Republican and Grandfather was a Democrat. When they got me with them, Father would take me up into his arms and coax me to sing, "Marching Through Georgia", "Hang Jeff Davis on a Sour Apple Tree" and "John Brown's Body Lies a Molding in His Grave But His Soul Goes Marching On". Grandfather would then coax me to him and take me up in his arms and ask me to sing, "I Wish I Were in Dixie", and a song in which some of the words were, "Never mind the Southern Rebels but take care of the Northern Devils and send them to the happy land of Canaan". I am afraid that I was pretty much of a Turn Coat, not knowing to which side I owed allegiance.

My oldest sister, Nora, had married Enoch VanMeter and was gone. Mary, another sister, married Jacob VanMeter, and as they were leaving they stopped and sat down under a walnut tree above the house and called for me to come to them. When I went to where they were sitting, Jacob told me that I should gather my sister a bunch of dandelion flowers to take along. While pulling at the flower stems I found a large stick of hoarhound candy leaning against one. I went to the house better pacified probably thinking that I had made a good swap, a sister for a stick of candy.

One day I went with my sisters to school. I had been warned not to whisper or talk, only at recess and noon hour. I sat as quietly as I knew how but noticed that the others were talking out loud when they went up before the teacher. He was even asking them to talk. When my buddy who I was sitting with, Benny Nelson's class was called I went along up with him. While the other boys and girls were talking out loud I noticed that the safety pin that held the front of my coat closed had come open. I turned to Benny and asked him right out loud to hook my pin. The teacher reached back and brought a switch out of the corner and gave me a swap across the shoulders, then told me not to talk unless he asked me to.

Noon hour finally came and some of the boys and girls went out and sat on the roots of a large chestnut tree that had blown over. I watched

my brother, who was ten years older than I and thought that he was trying to spark a certain girl named Mary Reed. Some time in the afternoon I felt the need to go to the toilet. I slipped out of the door and ran around to the back side of the school house. Due to the small opening that all mothers left in all small boys pants in those days and due also to the urgency I missed making connections and wetted my pants. I was ashamed to go back in and face the others with wet pants so I stayed on the outside hoping that they would dry. My sister, Della, came out to see about me and tried to get me to go back in but I started crying. Also dreading what the teacher would do to me with that switch for having wet pants, I would not budge so she got permission and took me home. That was my first experience that I received in the school house that Grandfather built in which to educate his offspring and the descendants of his brothers and sisters who at one time made quite a settlement in that community.

I visited that section some years ago after the great slides of the late nineteen hundred and forties. All paths and roads had been swept away. We climbed the hill from the Fork and came out on the ridge separating Walnut Hollow from Rich Woods. On our left, on the small flat still stood the remnants of the hewed log school building, untouched by any flood or slide. The roof, windows, door and floor had succumbed to the ravagement of decay, but the hewed logs, five high, still stood and afforded memories. Upon looking down on the other side of the hill where the house once stood and noticing by things strewn along the sides that the slides had filled the hollow twice the height of the house. I could believe that after all it had not been foolish to flee from the Walnut Hollow house as we had so often done when I was a boy.

After viewing the depth of the slides that had started under the rim of the rocks at the top of the North Mountain, that swept a path, clear of all timber, as it rushed down the steep descent of Walnut Hollow on its way to the river bed of North Fork; I went back up to the top of the ridge that separated Walnut Hollow from Rich Woods. I sat down and viewed the steepness of the mountain and the great rim, of seemingly solid rock, that formed its top. I visualized that this mighty bulk of creation had had its birth and would some day have its ending.

Yet this mighty bulk of rocks that I had viewed from so many angles when a boy, showed signs that it was slowly dying. The great accumulation of stones that had fallen from its face and laid in the small hollows below its base was proof of that. The great weight of those loose stones had helped cause the slides, thus cutting down the size of the mountain.

Loose stones falling from the wall will in time accumulate again. The river will again wash away the foundation against which the loose stones and earth is braced. When this condition is again ready a downpour of rain will cause other slides. This process will be repeated o'er and o'er again and again until the now mighty mountain is reduced to a plain. Those changes are made so slowly and are so far away that one does not need to be concerned about them now.

Other changes that I thought about more than those mentioned above were the changes that have taken place among the people of those hills and valleys, during the last hundred and fifty years. Samuel K. Nelson, once the owner of the acreage being viewed, lived, died and was buried down near the river at the Shobe Place. The exact location of his grave is unmarked and unknown. Of his several children, none are living now. Of his more than sixty grandchildren, only six are now living. Yet when the Rich Woods school house was built; his grandchildren, the children of Samuel H., Saul and Philip Nelson, Belinda Nelson VanMeter, Hannah Nelson Blizzard, Polly Nelson Jordan, Margaret Nelson Armentrout and Sis Nelson Shirk lived around and about and attended this school. Many

of their homes have vanished. The well worn paths that were once so often trodden have been either washed away or have grown up in brush. Most of their descendants have in turn moved away to other parts of West Virginia and other states.

From our home against the North Mountain we could look across the North Fork Valley and see the Allegheny Mountain. It was often capped in snow in the winter even when there was mild weather down in the valley. The snow line often extended down below the Foreknobs. It was on the Foreknobs that Father informed the family that we were moving when I was five years old.

In moving away from Walnut Hollow I was taking along other memories of other incidents, than those mentioned. A few of those were:

One day while playing out in the yard with my sister, Emma Jane, I told her that I was dying and proceeded to lay down and cover my face with a towel. No sooner than I told her what was to be my last words, "I am now dead," I resurrected with a scream of pain. I will never know from where she secured father's claw hammer; the ball point of which she brought down on my covered forehead with a thud.

Mother's sister, Martha, stopped while passing by. She had been living at Green Mountain and because of illness was returning to Grandfather's home. Father compressed her tongue and looked in on her throat. One morning after that I was in bed with my friend, Benny Nelson. Sammy Nelson, Martha's husband, entered the house at day break and we heard him tell my parents that Martha was dead. The earth was covered with sleet. There had to be holes cut in the sleet for stepping places against the steep hill. Climbing the hill is the only thing that I remember about that funeral.

Lottie Watts, with her daughter, Ann, stopped one day while passing by. I adopted her as a playmate at once. As they started on they had to climb a steep hill above our house. I went along until Lottie told me that I would have to go back. I began to cry because I could go no farther, but after they had gone out of sight I continued to cry in order to force mother to come and get me. Every time that mother came out on the porch to get some water, sweep the floor or do some other work I cried much louder but she would not look in my direction. After seeing that my crying was not bringing my mother to me I had almost stopped but looking through my tear filled eyes I saw a bee on a dandelion flower. I wanted to break off the stem and carry the bee to the house on the flower. My fingers slipped and squeezed the bee that caused it to sting. I started crying again with all the force that my lungs could produce, then went to sleep. Upon wakening I felt much better and went to the house in a fairly good mood. I mention this incident so that mothers may know that it could be good sometimes for their little boys and girls to cry it out.

MOVED TO THE FOREKNOBS OF THE ALLEGHENY

Upon searching my memory I could not remember how we got our things from Walnut Hollow to the County or North Fork Road. I asked my brother who is still ten years older than I and is now living at Flintstone, Md. He said that everything that was moved had to be carried down and across the river and then up the Jim Gap. I went back there to fish last summer and after fishing for more than two hours I succeeded in landing a five inch bass. That was quite a difference from the fishing that I saw my brother do there fifty-seven years ago.

I would assume that Father was glad to move out from behind the river and get on the road side of the valley. He no longer would have to

depend on the mood of the river regulating the times when he could leave home and when he could return.

We were moving to the Will Heavner Place on the Foreknobs, near the Red Creek Road. After carrying the things to the road, Mr. Heavner came along the next morning and loaded them in his wagon and placed me and my sister on the contents. That was my first wagon ride. When we arrived at the first steep curve on the road Mr. Heavner stopped the team and started to remove me from the wagon but when he reached for me he saw that my face was puckered to cry and tears in my eyes, he changed his mind and left me on the wagon to continue the ride that I must have been enjoying.

The log house into which we moved was too small for such a large family as ours so father proceeded to build a new and larger one. When we moved into the larger house, Granny, Sidney Wimer Teter, remained living in the small one. I went only one day to the Open Ridge school while living on the Foreknobs. I was riding on a small sled which was being pulled along by my brother. We met our horse on a sharp bend in the road. She was running at full speed so my brother barely had time to jump out of the way to save himself from being run over. At about the same moment I looked up and saw all of the under side of the horse going over me. I was lucky enough to escape with only a small nick on my face made by her shoe.

One time during a storm a peddler came to our house almost frozen. He had discarded his heavy load that he was carrying in order to make more speed, to get off of the open top of the Allegheny, or freeze. Two days later Father went with him and found the merchandise. There were many peddlers in those days. The many articles that they carried along for sale were wondrous to a small boy when they were laid out for display.

My sisters and brother played a trick on me. They knew that I was fond of mush and milk. They prepared a large dish of yellow pumpkin sauce and called to me to come in and eat my supper. In my haste I had not noticed anything unusual or that they were watching me. I filled my bowl half full of mush and finished filling it with good cold milk. I plunged into the bowl with a large spoon and crammed my mouth full. I realized instantly that I had been tricked. Amidst their laughter I fled from the room and went to bed, vowing to myself that I would get even with them by refusing all food until I had starved myself to death. Before I went to sleep I pictured them standing by my bed crying over my wasted, pale, starving body. The picture became so clear to me that I could not help joining them in shedding a few tears too about myself. When morning came the resolve of starving myself did not seem so important as it did the night before, adding to that the fact that I was hungry it did not take any coaxing on their part to get me to the table for breakfast.

Father became confined with an awful toothache. We children had to be very quiet. After standing the pain as long as he could endure it he sent for our neighbor, Cris Goldizen, to come and pull it. Pulling teeth was a job that was offered to anyone who was willing and able to do it. There was no blocking or numbing the area before extracting. A crude homemade pair of forceps was the only tool used.

I wish to make a notation here that this house was occupied until 1960. It has been occupied by Albert Heavner, son of our former landlord, Will Heavner. Albert, at a very old age, finally moved off of the Foreknob.

WE MOVED TO PENDLETON COUNTY



1960 photo of B. F. Teeter by Ambrose W. VanMeter at Teeter's former home, 1903-1909, at Armantrout Hollow, in Pendleton Co., W. Va. The fireplace that kept the wood cutter warm.

With still lasting memories of the incidents mentioned as well as other memories about living on the Foreknobs, I switch to our new home in Pendleton County. It was located in the Armentrout Hollow, about one-half mile up the run above the county road.

Upon approaching the new location the house could be seen from a few hundred yards away. It was standing on a high knoll between the V of two converging streams, commonly referred to as runs. Before reaching the house, I saw three boys mending a rail fence near the left hand hollow. We exchanged greetings as we passed by. I was informed that the rail fence was the boundary line between our land and theirs. The names of the three boys were Earvin, Dayton and Guy Dolly, sons of Josiah G. Dolly. Father's first wife had been Mr. Dolly's sister, but of that or of his sons I knew nothing until that moment.

The house was a two-story hewed log construction, two rooms on each floor with a rather large shed roofed lean-to behind, used for the kitchen. One of the rooms had a large fireplace built into it on the inside with the chimney on the outside.

The house had not been inhabited for sometime, but sheep had used the outside as a shelter from the sun in the summer and the wind in winter. Because of this the house was infected with flees. There was no fumigating materials available to be had in those days; other than kerosene and turpentine. Such liquids killed on making contact but was not used much because of the cost and danger of setting fire. Water was heated to boiling in all iron and copper kettles available. Beginning with the upper rooms, every part of it was soaked by dashing boiling water on all parts, then closing the door to keep the hot damp vapor in. This process made the interior of the house clean and bug proof too.

The fireplace became the social center. It furnished the heat and most of the light. I well remember my parents, brother and sisters, my grandfather, other relatives and visitors, standing and sitting around it till late bedtime, talking about anything that came into their minds. Grandfather showed me how to reline the back wall of the fireplace. I watched him closely and was able to do it myself year after year. Later, after my brother left home, I became sole responsible to supply the wood for that ever eating fireplace.

The school year was short. Sometimes there was no school at all; due to the scarcity of teachers. Each parent had to buy his children's books. Long after I had known the letters of the alphabet and how to spell words; I still did not know how to read. How differently is reading taught today.

During this time I was becoming better acquainted with the Dolly boys, especially Dayton, who was nearest my age. We had our own private swimming hole where we had good times together, as only one can while he is still young. Dayton and I had a secret. We had selected two sisters for our sweethearts. When they moved away we soon had two more to fill their place. We kept our secret so secret that the girls that we had chosen never knew that they had been chosen. We did not dare to gaze at them as long as we would have liked to, we did not dare to tag them while playing as often as we would have liked to for fear that our secret would be known. We had not yet acquired the wisdom to know that girls and women when loved wants to hear it proclaimed often. Had we known that, we might have been scared.

In my boyhood days, parents did not think of sponsoring any sort of games in which their children could take part. Work was all the activity that a child needed. Anyway people lived too far apart to gather together in large groups. Each boy or small group of boys created their own games.



Fishing in 1959.
(L.) Dayton D. Dolly
(R.) B. F. Teeter.

Dayton and I would keep on the lookout throughout the week for nests of bumblebees, yellow jackets, wasp and hornets. Yellow jackets build their homes both on bushes and in the ground. Our game was to see which one could destroy a whole nest without getting stung. One of us would approach a nest with both hands full of pine brush or other brush with leaves on and start flailing the nest. We usually used one brush to circle around the head to keep the bees off while the other brush was kept busy beating the nest and any that got into the air. If the one who was fighting got stung; he lost the game. He would step back and the other one would rush in and resume the fight. If the last one finished killing all without getting stung, he won the game. If he too got stung we gave the bees credit for that game.

After tiring of that game we would pull a sneaky trick on another nest.

We would take an earthen gallon jug, fill it half full of water, sneak in close and set the jug close to the nest. We would then stir the bees up and make them angry by poking them with a pole or throwing stones into their nest. It was fun for us to watch them dive into the jug because hardly any ever came back out because of the water. In this manner we could soon exterminate a whole nest.

We used paddles to swap the bumblebees as they flew out. When they were all killed we were rewarded with a few cells of honey. They never store much ahead.

The hornet was the hardest to subdue. We would destroy his nest by stoning it to pieces. The hornet could follow backward the path of the rock that was thrown at his nest and soon find you even if you were hiding behind some brush or tree.

Most boys love to earn money. This was true in my case, so I decided to learn to hunt ginseng. If you do not know what ginseng is look it up in a dictionary or some other source. You will know as much about its use as I do and I have been gathering it more or less all my life. I was too small to go with grownup people. I was too afraid to venture far into the deep forest alone so the Dolly boys and I hunted for it in a woodlot enclosed in a pasture. All large stalks had been taken by other hunters or the cows had eaten it so that left only the small stalks to be found. I tried to learn it by looking at the roots as well as by learning what the top looked like. I dug up many hundred weeds, looked at them and tasted them in learning to know it.

Having had to hunt small ginseng, instead of the large stalks, not only made it more difficult to learn but it led us into an embarrassing situation later. One day the three Dolly boys and I being together went deeper into the forest to hunt ginseng. Guy and Dayton, like myself, had learned what the small stalks looked like. Earvin knew the larger stalks too. While hunting, Guy began to dig some. Dayton and I edged up close and without being invited started to dig the roots too because there were several scattered around. Earvin being farther away finally noticed that we were busy and came to us. After watching us for a little while he said that he would claim the part that we had not found. He pointed out the large daddy and granddaddy stalks that we had wallowed over in getting to the small ones. He ended with a dollar's worth of big roots for every penny worth of small roots that we had gathered.

I had been teasing my brother to let me shoot his shot gun. He would sometimes hand it to me and tell me to take careful aim and shoot. I would close my eyes and pull the trigger expecting a boom but all I got was a snap, because he had slipped the shell out. This had been repeated over many times. One day I saw some crows flying in the distance and asked him to give me the gun so that I could shoot them. He handed me the gun and instructed me to take careful aim. Thinking that the gun was empty as before I half heartily aimed and pulled the trigger. A few moments later a small, frightened and surprised boy found himself getting up out of the ditch where the big boom had sent him sprawling and that boy was me.

Not long after that I started carrying a gun and venturing out a little farther into the forest to hunt ginseng. I had only three shells and since they were hard to come by I decided not to shoot, only in self defense, if attacked by a wild cat, panther or in close quarters with a rattler. While walking along the road, returning home, I looked up into a butternut tree and saw six nice gray squirrels. Sure I was tempted to shoot because they were close and I was hungry. I laid my gun down and started climbing the tree thinking that I might kill them with a club. Soon I was the only

living thing on the tree because it seemed so easy for the squirrels to leap to the ground and run away.

Sometime later, Joe Butler, a neighbor living on the Willis Dolly place, and I went night hunting with our dogs. While returning homeward our dogs indicated by their barking that something had crawled into the loose rocks. Thinking that it must be a raccoon we started moving the stones to get to it. By day break we reached the end of our work and was rewarded not by a coon as we expected but an opossum about the size of a large rat. While leaving this place I saw a small ginseng stalk. I made a mental notation that I would explore this spot more thoroughly at some future date.

Upon returning I made my way up the hill to the base of the cliff. Looking upward I saw a number of ginseng stalks on a shelf of the cliff. If one had been spying they would have seen a very busy boy during the next hour or two. They would have seen that boy hurriedly digging after the ginseng roots and eagerly exploring for more. The take was about five pounds of green roots or five dollars worth. It takes from three to four pounds of green roots to make one pound of dry roots. The size of the roots and the time of the year when dug causes the variance. Merchants in those days would buy it green or dry. Dry roots was worth about four dollars a pound. The most that I have ever gotten for dry, wild ginseng roots was twenty-six dollars a pound. At any rate you can imagine that I was much pleased to carry home the equivalent of an adult's week wages. It was a booster shot to my ego.

Sometime later Father took Joe Butler and me on a ginseng trip to the west side of the Allegheny Mountain. It would require too much space to give a detail report of camping out, cooking our meals and describing the territory covered.

In later years, Father and I spent many days and several nights together in the forest while hunting ginseng in West Virginia, Maryland and Pennsylvania.

Sometime after I became the owner of a car I took Father to visit his aged sister, Mahala Teter Hedrick. She still lived on the home place in Timber Ridge, Pendleton County, West Virginia. It was my first trip to the place where he had spent his boyhood days. While there visiting, we with Ted Hinkle and Rennie Shreve, climbed the ridge, crossed Brushy Run and went down to Seneca Creek. All of the territory that we covered was well known to Father in his boyhood days. He had many memories of the places; that he had carried down with him through the years.

We gathered ramps, caught some native trout, shot a groundhog. These things, together with the food that we had carried along, furnished us with some good meals. Although it was summer time the after midnight air pushing down from the top of Spruce Knob was quite chilly. We built a fire, using the cross ties from a deserted railroad track for fuel.

Shortly after moving to Pendleton County Father planted a peach orchard. He and Grandfather, Samuel H. Nelson, planted some apple trees and grafted others. In a few years we had plenty of good peaches for home consumption and some for sale. Some of the apple trees planted and grafted in about 1905, were still bearing good fruit in 1955.

Father was elected to the ministry in the Dunkard Church, known today as the Church of the Brethren. This calling took him away from home a good bit of the time. He still had to make a living at other work because this was many years before the Church of the Brethren had their first paid pastors.

After moving to this place we were again within walking distance to the river. When other people went fishing I took my pole and went along.

Father had bought Blaine and I a reed or bamboo pole. The cost was about 25c each. The long light pole was a big improvement over the hickory or iron wood poles that we had been getting from the forest.

One night Father, Blaine and I went fishing for eels. Blaine and I were close to each other, Father took the lantern and was fishing nearer the upper end of the hole. We would set our poles and put a small pebble of stone on the rod out over the water. If an eel moved the bait, that would jerk the pole and the stone would fall into the water. Blaine had a strike. He got the pole in his hands as quickly as he could and as there was no extra line he set the hook and after a brief struggle landed the eel on the bank where we had been sitting. A large slippery eel is not easy to control in the dark on a bank near the water. They waste no time in trying to get back into the water. We sure did some grabbing to keep that eel on the bank. By the time that Father reached us with the light we knew that it was gone. Blaine not only lost the eel but in the tussle his new pole was broken about three feet from the tip.

I often hear oldsters say that they had caught more fish on an old time pole than with all of the modern apparatus. This statement could be true because we used to have more fish.

We usually caught eels by setting outlines or making a fish pot. The outlines correspond roughly to the bush bob fishing of today. It would take the best part of a week for two men to make and set an eel pot or trap. The pot was useful only in autumn when the fish and eels went down stream. If a high water came suddenly one might get nothing but if there were small rises, especially in the dark of moon, the pay off could be counted in bushels or even in barrels of fish and eels.

There were many eel pots in North Fork when I was a boy. While still very young I went with others and watched the eels taken out. Later I was asked to help construct them.

One day Mr. Dolly asked me to go along with Dayton to bring a buck sheep home. He had bought it from Will Heavner who lived some three miles away. We were warned that the buck was cross. Mr. Heavner helped us to catch the sheep. We tied two ropes around its neck. Dayton went before leading it while I followed behind with the other rope in my hands to hold the ram back in case he started to make a charge. Things went so well and as we wanted to be closer together to talk I moved my position from behind to the front beside Dayton. We had gone on in this formation for quite a distance so busy engaged in talking that we forgot about any danger lurking behind. Suddenly Dayton was hurled forward landing in the gravel on his knees and hands. I looked and there by my side stood the ram in the spot that Dayton had so suddenly been butted from. As the buck was backing up to make another plunge at its fallen foe I chased back behind and tightened up on the rope and stopped his next plunge. By this time Dayton had gotten to his feet again. He was half crying, angry and telling me that it was my fault. I could not understand why he accused me of being the fault because it was he who had asked me to change my position. Why the ram had selected him for its target I will never know, unless it was because Dayton was the larger.

Not long after this, Earvin and the other boys were in the pasture field when they saw this same ram making toward them. They ran to the rail fence. Instead of going all the way across the fence as the others did, Earvin sat on the top rail and held his foot out and told the ram to hit that if he wanted to. The ram did just that and as its head came against the sole of the shoe, Earvin who had made his leg stiff to receive the impact went sprawling backwards landing on his head and shoulders.

One day while Father, Blaine and I were fishing, Sammy Jordan, a cousin of mine, came by. He made it known to Father that he wanted to

be baptized. Father called us together and proceeded with the preparatory service, then led him out into the water to a spot where Sammy knelt down on his knees and was dipped or immersed three times in the water.

I started in about the age of nine or ten to do most of the mill going. Older members of the family would place the sack of grain on the back part of the saddle; I would climb on and seat myself in the front part of the saddle and take off on a day's journey. The grain would sometimes shift to one side but I was fortunate enough to keep it on. As there were no automobiles running on the North Fork to frighten my horse I had only to watch out at a few places for the charging of barking dogs and a few bold ganders. A quick movement, made by a scared horse could cause the sack of grain to fall off and I would not have been man enough to put it back on.

The distance to Aaron Bogg's mill, above the mouth of Seneca, was some eight or ten miles. One had to wait his turn in getting his grinding done before he could start back home. In going to and returning from the mill one might overtake or be overtaken by men or boys going to Simon Dolly's store at Seneca or to the mill. I became acquainted with others of the valley in this way. Since those trips led by Seneca Rocks I had plenty of time to gaze at it from different angles while slowly riding by.

My sister, Della, married Harrison Shreve and they lived in Smoke Holes. My brother, Blaine, my sister, Mary VanMeter and I set out to visit her. Smoke Holes was fully ten hard miles across the North Mountain away. The trip was made harder by taking Mary's baby, Ray, with us. I had often wondered if Smoke Holes was really smoky. After crossing the top of North Mountain; we looked down into the Smoke Hole region and sure enough it was smoky and I could see several columns of smoke spiraling above the forest. I thought to myself, sure, Smoke Holes was smoky, but on descending we found out that the smoke was coming from a forest fire. We stopped at the first house to inquire the way to Della and Harrison's place. We were directed where to find their house but was told that they had gone over on the Fork that very same day to visit us. We had passed each other near or on the top of the mountain by taking different paths. I stayed all night with my mother's uncle and aunt, Andy and Jan Shreve. Andy and his son, Austin, took me along that night to watch or patrol a fire line to keep the forest fire from spreading. I wonder how many mothers today would be willing to walk twenty miles, cross a mountain both ways and carry a baby in order to visit a sister.

Some years later, this same Austin Shreve, stopped by our place and asked me to take him part way home as he was sick. I took him off of the Allegheny, up the fork and up the North Mountain as far as the path permitted horseback riding. A few weeks later we heard that he was well but his father, Andy, while waiting on him, had contracted the typhoid fever and had died.

Mother had often told me that when I was two years old she had taken me to Smoke Hole. That I had eaten so many dried peach snits that it gave me the diarrhea and that Jan Shreve had helped her in taking care of me. A few years ago when visiting with Jan Shreve, I told her what mother had told me about the dried peaches and asked if she remembered. She said that she remembered it very well and added; that when I spoiled all of my clothes that she had to use her son Austin's to dress me.

One day when Dayton was hunting squirrels and Guy and I were hunting ginseng we came across a sheep that had just been killed. The killer had not eaten any of his kill but had raked a few leaves on the carcass and had fled. We took word of this back to Mr. Dolly, the owner. He skinned the sheep and hung the carcass several feet high on a limb. He then set some steel traps beneath the carcass and took the fleece home.

The next morning when we returned; the killer, a large wild cat was firmly held in a trap. He had come back to get the feed that we had prevented him from getting the day before.

One night when Dayton, Guy and I were hunting in the lower part of the Armentrout hollow, I came upon and had my first experience with a skunk. The dog was hunting away from us at the time. I was carrying the lantern and walking in front. All of a sudden there was that small black animal ahead of me. It was not going very fast but it seemed to be making haste too as it kept on going in front of us with its tail raised and leaning back over its back. We had not followed it far when it ran under a large slanting rock. I had only to stoop a little to see it as the front part of the rock was high above the ground. Without any comments from anyone I picked up a stone, gave the lantern to Dayton to hold. As I got ready to throw the stone, I noticed that it had turned its rear end toward me, but that did not mean anything to me then because I had never seen a skunk before. I gave the rock a heave and my eyes were filled the same instant with its protective fluid. Salt, pepper, Indian turnip or even scalding water could not have caused more pain. I started jumping up and down and screaming in agony. After Dayton and Guy had recovered somewhat from the shock, caused by my violent action, they could make out that I was screaming for water. As we were in a dry part of the run's former bed, they took me by the arms and slowly led me over and around rocks to running water. I plunged my face into the water many times rubbing my eyes with my fingers all the while. As the pain slowly eased my sight began to return. After about two hours I could see well enough to start homeward.

While still living at that place in Pendleton County, I can remember times when I sat alone meditating on the many things of life. During such times I was in as close contact with the Creator as at any other period of life. This might have been brought about by something that Father did as a preacher. It might have been caused by the nature that I was in constant contact with or it might have been caused by many factors. I cannot describe this feeling that came over me while thus communing with the Creator. As I sat below the house against the steep, slaty hillside the many sounds that came from the running water in the two brooks had a message for me. The birds, butterflies and all the humming and buzzing insects were talking to me or rather revealing the immensity of creation. The wild prickly rose bushes with their pale pink flowers or roses, that grew on the hillside, were speaking to me too. How they spoke I do not know. What they said I cannot describe. I know only that they left a lasting influence and memory in my life.

The Miller school, located between the Car school and Seneca, failed to get a teacher one year, while I was going to the Car school. Homer, Otis, Dayton, Grant and Fred Bible and Nola, Glenn and Bessie Miller of the Miller school, attended the Car school. One year the Car school had no teacher, so Earvin, Dayton and Guy Dolly and I went up on the Foreknobs to the Armentrout school during some of the best weather. In this way, we became acquainted with other boys and girls and had a lot of fun chasing squirrels and swiping them off the rail fence with clubs. There were many squirrels of all species, because there was much food in the form of nuts, acorns and chestnuts.

Some of Johnad Morral sons attended the Armentrout school. In later years their mother moved from the Foreknobs of the Allegheny to Clearville, Pa. She lived there in 1960, at the ripe age of 95. She furnished some of the genealogy contained in this book. I did not learn until a few years ago that she and Father were first cousins, being children of two of the Wimer sisters.

Because of the fine fruits that our peach orchard and apple trees were producing, a neighbor of ours, Ike Moyers, offered what Father considered a fair price for our home. He sold out to Mr. Moyers, and we moved back to Grant County, W. Va.

MOVED BACK TO GRANT COUNTY

Father rented a place on the Red Creek Road against the Foreknobs of the Allegheny. He proceeded to plant a new peach orchard. The new location had the advantage of being on the main road that led to a good market at Laneville. It included more than a thousand acres of land that could be used as a sheep range.

By living on the main road enabled one to meet many people. The people who went or hauled their produce to market at Laneville were local people. Those going to and from work were people from many local people to those who lived up to a hundred miles away. The county or wagon road made a large horseshoe curve from below to above our house. This was necessary in order to maintain a decent grade up the steep mountain. Horseback riders and foot travelers took the near cut that led by our house. Many, in passing by, would stop to get a drink of cold spring water. Some stopped to ask for a meal and some stayed all night. Some offered to pay for their meal and lodging, while many did not. It was the custom to keep a non-paying guest as well as a paying one. In this way we learned about people and customs of other places. If the boy or girl who reads this will stop and reflect that that was in the days before the automobile, radio and television, he may understand how hungry a boy was for information from the outside world.

Raising sheep was not so difficult on a large range as ours. They gathered their own food at all times except in deep snows. They had to be fed during deep snows and at lambing time to prevent them from eating the poisonous laurel. Sheep killing dogs were their worst enemy. Dogs would leave their home and go for miles to do their mischief. One had to harden himself to shoot all stray dogs and poison the ones that prowled about during the night. Sheep brought in two money crops a year, the wool in the spring and the sale of lambs in the fall.

Being by this time past twelve years old and having a little money, I was able to secure some ammunition and go squirrel and rabbit hunting when time would permit. I went hunting ginseng or fishing alone.

Father was at this time working part-time away from home. His being away working or preaching placed responsibilities on me at home. I took care of the sheep, did most of the plowing. I wormed and cultivated the fast growing peach orchard, picked berries for both home consumption and for sale. I earned money by sometimes hauling people to their destination in our buggy. I helped cattlemen rush their cattle and sometimes sheep through the laurel infested Foreknobs; sometimes continuing the drive on to Laneville. I hauled vegetables from our garden and cherries and peaches from our orchard to market, in our buckboard. A buckboard was to a buggy what a pickup truck is to a car; that is, it contained more loading space. The weight had to be limited to what one horse could pull. The next larger size was a two-horse spring wagon and the next was the wagon. A group of us boys would go to the plains; pick huckleberries or blackberries and carry them to Laneville to sell. After sleeping out by a fire we would repeat the same cycle over again and again.

The enormity of the lumbering job is hard to believe unless one could have seen it. Hundreds of men were strung out from different camps engaged in cutting and grouping the logs. Train loads of logs were being moved from the mountains down to the mill where they were dumped in-

to a large pond to clean them of sand and gravel and to keep them from freezing hard in the winter. From 60,000 to 100,000 board feet passed over the mill daily. It took a small army of men to do the many jobs around the mill.

I was too young to get a job in any part of this work, but since the county road leading to Laneville led by and through some of this development, I came in contact with the whole process often.

While living against the Foreknobs I had the privilege of attending either of two schools since I was equal distance from each. I preferred to go to the Long Hollow school because there was far less snow down in the North Fork valley than on the Foreknobs where the Open Ridge school was located.

Of the many memories that I retain from those days at school I will mention a few. One day upon hearing a noise that we were not used to, the teacher called out, "an automobile". We rushed to the windows and the door in all haste and there went by an open top automobile with the driver and another man sitting in the front seat. The road that led by the schoolhouse was straight and the car must have been going all of fifteen miles. As the car crossed the drain gutter it looked as if the driver and his companion would be thrown out. The driver was hatless and his seat mate was holding on to his hat with one hand while holding to the side of the car with his other hand. The bounce from crossing the gutter raised them off the seat but they settled back down and were soon out of sight. I do not know if this was the first automobile that had ever traveled between Petersburg and Seneca, but I do know that it was the first one that I had seen anywhere.

Sometime after that, a young, well dressed man walked up the hill to our house and said that he needed someone to push his car. I went down the mountain with him and there in the short turn in the road was his car. This was at the exact spot that Mr. Heavner was going to take me off his wagon some years before. A woman, who he said was his wife, was walking around the car but did not seem to be happy on that nice Sunday morning. When he gave us the word, she and I both pushed and the car moved onward. He stopped some hundred yards up the road and waited for her to overtake us. I had kept up with the car and was pushing part of the time. He asked me to follow him a piece as he might need some more pushing. His wife got in the car and with me pushing they moved on a short distance farther. This process of stopping, pushing and starting was repeated over and over until we reached the top of the Foreknobs.

Occasionally when the automobile had stopped he would pour a liquid out of a can into the front part of his car. I thought that must be the stuff that was making it go. That was a long time before I learned anything about the anatomy of an automobile and before I had learned from experience how mulish a Model T could get when heated. The coughing and sputting of the engine attracted the attention of other boys living on the Foreknobs. As fast as they came to see what was making the strange noise they were hired to go along and help push. When we reached the top of the Allegheny he told us that since it was level across the top and down hill from the west side down into Laneville that he thought that he could make it on alone. He paid us off and we went back down the mountain talking about the first car that had ever crossed the Allegheny over the Red Creek road.

Later on we heard that after leaving us he went a few hundred yards and stuck in the mud. He had to walk two miles to a lumber camp of a Mr. Stallings and hire a team to pull him across the top, which service cost him ten dollars more. Being down hill from where the team had

pulled he made the rest of the trip without any further help. I was later informed that the driver was a Mr. Lough from Petersburg and that he had wagered ten dollars that he could make the trip. It cost him more than the wager amounted to but he had the distinction of being the first to cross the Allegheny on the Red Creek road in a car.

TRAINS COME TO PETERSBURG

People already knew that the busy lumber centers west of the Alleghenies would soon cease to exist because the supply of the virgin timber was running out. I want to note that in cutting the millions of acres of virgin timber, only the best was taken. There was left standing more and better trees than in areas where some sawmills are operating today. Forest fires followed and destroyed most of what was left.

There had been talk that a railroad would be built from Clearsprings up the valley to Petersburg. It was estimated that the shipment of farm commodities, fruits from large orchards and lumber as well as passengers would justify it being built and of its existence there should be no end. There was much interest among the people of the entire valley because it would facilitate traveling and save many dollars on marketing their products.

Some promoters believing that Petersburg was ready for a rapid expansion in building put on a large lot sale. There were several events publicized to draw a large crowd. Among the events was a man to go up in a balloon. Father took me along with him to see the sights. I remember but little about anything else other than the balloon.

When the heated air and smoke came up from out of the pit, the large canvas lying over the pit began to slowly rise. About twenty men stood around its circumference and let out extra canvas as commanded. The canvas filled slowly but steadily. It finally took the form of a haystack only the mouth of the balloon was smaller than the base of a haystack and when it became larger than a very large haystack the men let go. Up but not straight up went the balloon trailing black smoke behind. It rose higher and higher while drifting toward the northwest. At first I had thought that the man who was to ride it was inside but later observed that he was hanging on to ropes below. An object fell from it, a parachute opened and the object and parachute drifted slowly toward the earth but that object was not the man. He was still clinging to the ropes below the mouth where the black smoke was coming out and trailing behind. Finally he dropped and everybody held their breath until they saw the parachute open. By this time he looked like a corn cob suspended below a large hat. Everything was quiet as death as he descended earthward. Just before he went down behind the horizon of a hill he started swinging to and fro like the pendulum of a clock. Just as he went out of sight the crowd stampeded. People started running at full speed through the fields. Horseback riders started in the same direction forcing their horses to jump the fences as they went toward and over the hill. Others in buggies got to the road and with whips cracking they too went as to his rescue.

The following year the Sun Brothers brought their circus to Petersburg. Again Father took me along. People of many descriptions came from far and near. There was a big crowd in Petersburg that day. Father and I paid fifty cents each to get into the animal tent to see animals that we had not seen before but we did not go into the big tent.

Sometime later some church members made charges against Father to the Elder of the Church. Their charge was, that in going to the circus he was seeking and enjoying worldly pleasures and should therefore be excommunicated or at least be demoted from the ministry. When Father

made it known that he went to see only the animals, the animals that he had always wanted to see but had never had a chance to see, the charges were dropped.

BEFORE THE HILLS AND VALLEYS OF PENDLETON AND GRANT COUNTIES WERE FORMED

Long after the creation of the earth, after the waters had been separated from the land, after light had been separated from the darkness into day and night and while living things dwelt in the water; the Appalachian Highland was born.

Before the highland was formed, the part on which it now rests was the bottom of a deep inland sea. Streams and rivers were carrying parts of other great mountains and bringing them bit by bit and dropping them into this inland sea. The streams kept carrying parts of those mountains and dropping the sediment into this inland sea just as the Potomac and other rivers are now carrying the Allegheny and other sister mountains away and depositing them in deep waters elsewhere.

While the sediment was being dumped; creatures living in the sea died and were covered up in the deposit. Those that lived in houses of hard shells, the part remaining of that life that lived so long ago were preserved or embedded in stones and are called fossils. As the sediment piled higher and higher the weight caused the lower layers to be pressed into layers of stone. The kind of stones formed and the thickness of the layers depended on the kind of sediment and the amount that was deposited before the deposit was changed to other material. A thin layer of clay or other soft material separating two layers of rock; shows clearly that a change of the deposit was made at that place. Because of the different size and weight of those particles; they were deposited in different places. The heavy particles of sand and little round pebbles were dropped in one place while the lighter particles were carried farther and deposited in a different place.

This natural process of separating the particles and depositing like kinds together resulted in different kinds of rocks being formed when hardened. The heavy particles forming sand rocks and the deposits of the finer and lighter particles forming shale. If the pressure from above or from beneath became too great; the rocks crystallized or became so hard that all remains of the fossils were squeezed out and cannot be seen. In some layers of rocks the fossils remain in almost as perfect form as they were when embedded. Rocks that contain fossils are often referred to as fossilized rocks. There are many fossilized rocks in the hills, mountains and valleys of Grant and Pendleton Counties.

I often wonder what Grandfather, Samuel H. Nelson, and others thought when they worked with stones containing fossils. How they explained to themselves the pre-existence of life in the stones that they chiseled and placed in foundations and chimneys.

After this inland sea had been filled many hundred feet from the bottom a great change came about. Just why the shift came about no one knows but the part that had been the inland sea was raised high above the sea level and formed the great Appalachian Highland.

Rains fell on the highland and the surplus waters ran off finding its way to lower levels, even to the sea. This gave birth to the Potomac and other rivers and countless lesser streams that now drain the highland. The streams began forming valleys. The process of wearing away a mountain and creating the many valleys is slow but it has been going on since the highland was formed and will continue to do so. The hills and valleys of Grant and Pendleton Counties that seem within the life span of

one person to be everlasting are not everlasting but are gradually changing.

Man knows something about how those changes have and are taking place but why they are taking place is still a secret with the Creator. Man in beholding the grandeur of the mountains, hills and valleys, can agree with the poet who exclaimed, "Great and Mighty are Thy Works Lord God, Mighty are Thy Works."

THE CHANGING WORLD

Since the foreparents listed in this booklet settled in Pendleton County and started their labor of eking a living from the soil, streams and forest; many changes have taken place.

Traveling has passed from the wagon and the horse and buggy days to Jet traveling in the air, with much current talk that space traveling is near. That means passing to and in some cases through traveling by stage coach, trains, busses, automobile, to traveling by air. Great changes have taken place too in water traveling. The sail boats that our foreparents crossed the Atlantic in were replaced by steam boats. Atomic powered submarines and boats are now being developed.

For communication there is the well developed world mail, telegraph, telephone, radio and television. The two-way radio set will be made small enough to wear on the wrist or placed in the watch pocket.

Each colony or hive of bees has an odor of its own. If thrown suddenly together they fight until the bees of one hive kills or subdues the bees of the other. If one hive is placed on another hive and a fine screen wire is placed between them for a separator; in a few days the odor of the two hives blend into one odor. The screen can then be removed and the bees will work together as one colony. The outstanding thing that brought the thirteen colonies together was that they all wanted freedom. When the war of Independence was won; this love or desire for independence almost kept the colonies from uniting. Although the war for freedom was won, many of the founders of our government did not believe in giving the right to govern to all. Many of them believe the right to vote and the right to hold office should be retained in the hands of the wealthy, especially the large land owners; but in making laws to protect their rights they were making laws that were to protect the rights of others later on.

It was beyond their conception that the vote of a poor man would or should carry as much weight as the vote of one of them. It took a Thomas Jefferson to realize that democracy could not long exist unless more people took part in government. It took a Lincoln to extend that privilege to all men regardless to race, creed or color. It takes the eternal vigilance of an educated or an informed electorate to retain that privilege.

The writer does not believe that Christ was engaged in idle thoughts or wishful thinking when he taught the prayer, "Thy Kingdom Come, Thy will be done on earth as in Heaven". This was positive thinking with a real goal in view. The attainment of this goal rests on the shoulders of all mankind, especially the Christian. The following steps of progress might indicate steps toward that goal.

In 1808, the United States prohibited further importation of slaves. This act legally ended the overseas trade in slaves but slavery itself continued until Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation on January 1, 1863. His lot, as well as that of others, has been slowly but gradually made better. The desegregation bill passed and upheld by the Supreme Court is slowly being accepted by all is another step for the negro's betterment.

The under privileged countries are now receiving more favorable at-

tention than ever before. Missionaries, doctors and trained technical advisors are being sent out to them from churches of Christian countries, to show them a better way of living. Governments too, are aiding in this work.

Our own country is composed largely of the descendants of the pioneers who believed that every person should make the utmost effort toward helping themselves before calling on others for help. For this and other reasons our own country lags behind some of the European countries in giving government aid to its people but in this too, we are now making progress.

Some fifty years ago the writer had two sisters whose husbands died. Each had children living and each was carrying an unborn child at the time of the husband's death. The death of their husbands on whom they had depended to earn a living, left them destitute and almost penniless. Even if they had been able to work, there was no job to be gotten because there was no one in that community able to hire. There was no organized church to give a helping hand. There was no Salvation Army or any other institution of charity and there was no Welfare Board to go to. I was a small boy at that time; large enough to be aware of their plight but not large enough to help in a financial way. Add to this, others who were in like circumstances in our community and then add all the people in similar circumstances in our whole country and it amounted to many. Add to this number the destitute of the ill, the crippled, blind and aged and it amounted to millions; all destitute and needing financial aid but no place to get it.

The Social Security as it now stands is not perfect but when all of the assistance that is now being given to widows and children, to the sick, the crippled and aged are added up, it amounts to a rather large sum. Who would say that this representing the present is not a great advancement over the same conditions of yesteryears.

Still with the goal in mind of the prayer mentioned above; a brief glimpse of the medical improvements should be added. A few short years ago before our first foreparents set foot in Pendleton County, W. Va., a discovery was made that has brought relief and a blessing to all mankind. Looking through a rather crude self made microscope a scientist (Leeuwenhoek) saw for the first time the teeming millions of little plants and animals that had never been seen before. It was soon discovered that there were more tiny plants and animals living in the subvisible or microscopic world than there are living in the world that can be seen with the unaided eye. At first it was thought that those forms of life sprang up spontaneous, hence there was much talk about the spontaneous origin of life. It took several years to find out or to prove that those small beasties, as they first were called, had parents or came from other little beasties just like themselves.

It took another period of time to discover that some of those small beasties were useful to man and that others were harmful and could cause sickness and death. At first no one could realize that those small beasties, that we now call germs, had been killing and could kill more people than had been killed in all wars of all ages. After many experiments and much study it was discovered that each kind of disease was caused by one kind of germ and that no other kind of germ could cause the same disease. Once the germ that caused a particular disease was known, it could be isolated from all others and grown in test tubes. Once it was isolated and placed in test tubes, experiments could be made on the best way to kill or control it.

The few scientists who worked with those death dealing microbes, worked against great odds and had many obstacles to overcome. Science

is a popular field to work in today. Scientists are honored as much or more today as people of other professions, but not so a hundred or more years ago. It was then a world where, Sevetus was burned to death for daring to cut up and examine the body of a dead man. Where Galileo was shut up for life for daring to prove that the earth moved around the sun. They did not have the advantage of working together and pooling their knowledge as did the scientists of the Free World when they were called together by the President of the United States to pool their knowledge and develop the atomic bomb. They had the disadvantage of having to work alone and at different places and even at different times. They had the additional handicap of working in new fields where no exploring had been done before.

The doctors of that time in whose hands the health and life of the people depended on would not cooperate with the scientist. In most cases they were antagonistic to the new discoveries, because for them to admit to the truth of the new discoveries, would be to admit that their methods of doctoring were wrong. Their doctoring a patient without knowing the cause of the disease could not have been very successful. The hands of the doctors and students, the clothing and hospitals were polluted with deadly germs. Even when the death rate of mothers who died of Bed Fever, after giving birth to a child, rose to more than one out of every ten, the doctors went right on delivering babies with unwashed hands, even if they had just come from the room where they had been dissecting a body of a mother who had died with the same disease.

As stated elsewhere, scientists finally discovered that each disease was caused by one particular kind of germ and none other. Treatments and controls had to be discovered and worked out separately for each disease. Sleeping Sickness was found to be caused by a germ carried from a sick person to a well person by the bite of the Tsetse Fly. The best control found was to destroy the fly and its breeding places and to isolate the patient so that no other Tsetse Fly could get to him. The germ that causes Malaria and Yellow Fever were found to be caused by two distinct types and each was carried by one certain kind of mosquito. Even the bite of this mosquito is not dangerous unless it has fed on someone else who had the disease at the time of feeding. The best control is to destroy the mosquito by destroying its breeding places. Smallpox, once a heavy killer, is now controlled by vaccination. Diphtheria, once the great killer of children, is now controlled by giving the person antitoxin to kill the toxin or poison that the germ creates and leaves in the throat. Tetanus or Lockjaw can be prevented by taking antitoxin. The germ may be anywhere and usually enters the body through scratches and wounds that do not bleed freely. Rabies or Hydrophobia is a disease of the nervous system in man; contracted by the bite of a dog or other animal that has Rabies. The treatment is called the Pasteur Treatment. The Salk vaccine is one of the latest discoveries. It is not a treatment but is like the vaccination against smallpox. It is given to immune the person against the disease.

The discovery of the germ that causes these and other diseases and the treatment and control of them have saved the lives of millions as well as untold suffering. Other discoveries are bound to follow.

Within the short space of time since our foreparents settled in Pendleton County, uses for coal, oil and natural gas have been discovered. Methods of using them have been perfected. How remarkable it is, that we who are living today, are the ones who are enjoying the energy from the sun that was stored in those commodities millions of years ago. How sorry it is for the human race that nations are using much of that energy to destroy and using it in preparing to destroy each other. One can hardly comprehend the advancement in all lines of human endeavor that could

have been made and could be made if the energy spent in wars and preparing for wars were spent in channels for the betterment of the human race. The tragedy is, even for one to have to admit to himself, that those conditions may grow worse before they get better.

It is frightening to observe the great military power of many nations and the new implements that they have for destruction. The military power of the several nations is becoming strong enough to influence the policy making of those nations. It has now reached the point where it can claim at all times that a crisis lies just ahead.

Some neighbors of mine, when a boy, had left Germany while still young to escape peace-time military conscription. Their grandchildren are now being drafted into our military forces in peace-time. Germany, who thought that they had the best trained armies on earth has been defeated since then in two World Wars. Let us hope that a similar fate does not await our nation. Let us ever remember the truth that the man who prevents a war has rendered a far greater service than a general who wins one.

Most things that are written in this book have been done in order to leave a record that might be interesting to some of those who will follow. The writer uses the word, "some", because he has learned from experience in both making personal contacts and in writing letters that some of his relatives are not interested in the history of their ancestors or any other information of the past. If I may, I will again advise you to support the acquiring of state, government and other public owned land because soon they will be the only places left to go for outdoor recreation. Support the enactment of laws that are intended for the social betterment of mankind. Do not expect the government to take care of all problems. It was originally intended that the people were to support the government and not that the government should support the people. There are things that the individual and even the states cannot do for themselves. In those things the government should help.

When a government reaches the point that it supplies the people with all their needs; it has reached the point where it will take away their freedom. Do all that you can to keep peace between nations so that the cost of wars in man and materials may be channeled into useful purpose for the human race. Lincoln once said that our nation could not exist with one part free and the other part in slavery. We know now that the world cannot exist with part of the nations rich and the others poor. Have great respect for freedom of thought that gives to every person to have his own opinions and beliefs. Do not try to force others to change their opinions to conform with your own because in so doing you destroy the freedom that gives you the right to have opinions of your own. Nonconformity of ideals among individuals, religious groups and nations leaves room for growth and growth is necessary since no institution is yet perfect.

We believe that our country is the best country on the earth; that is because our government allows us the individual freedom that all people desire. Freedom of thought, the right to choose our own religion, work, place where we live, freedom of marriage, and many other freedoms, all of which we hold dear to our heart. We have the freedom to make changes and the ways and means to make changes when we want them.

Living under our government where the maximum amount of freedom is given to the individual; there was and is the tendency for most of the wealth to drift into the hands of the few, while the mass of the people grew poorer. Labor unions are imperfect and deserves adverse criticism but on the other hand they have through collective bargaining done much good. They have raised the wages, shortened the work week, caused conditions to be changed that led to health improvements in working places

and improvements in accident prevention. Federal laws have been enacted to control and regulate mergers and price fixing of big business.

If the people of another country or other countries believe that they can improve the living conditions of their own people under a government, that differs from ours, that should be their privilege. If they believe that planning for the individual from the cradle to the grave is worth more to the individual than having the freedom that we enjoy, that too, should be their privilege. If they preach from all house tops and in all the streets of the world that their form of government is the best; that should be their privilege too, so long as they do not use any form of force or coercion on the people or countries that they preach to. If Russia is convincing people of other nations that her government is better than ours; that does not necessarily mean that it is true but may indicate that they are better propagandists than we. If we believe that our form of government is the best, we too, should preach it to all the world in addition to showing it by our works or aid that we have been so lavishly giving. Out of the experiences of the different governments, each may be improved.

Right now there exists an honest differing of opinions among the people of our own country concerning how much power should be delegated to the Federal Government and how much should be retained by the states and even the individual. Space does not permit even the naming of all of those issues but right now there are people who think that the Social Security Program should have been retained by the states and not passed on to our government. They think that such projects such as Public Assistance, Old Age Assistance, Old Age Pension, Unemployment Insurance, Child Welfare Work, Aid to Mothers with depending children and all other types of Social Work should be done by the states or even handled by the various local communities. Others believe that the job is too big to be handled by local communities or even the states. They believe that the age of retiring should be reduced to 60 years or less because it would give the individual a longer span of time to enjoy retirement and it would help out greatly with the unemployment. They believe that the minimum of \$33.00 per month that is now being given to many should be increased to an amount that would support a decent living; especially to those who are not able to work because of illness or age. They also believe that a Federal Medical and Hospital Insurance Plan should be included in the Social Security Programme. By the time that these lines are read in the future, many of such questions will have been settled. The reader will already know what was best.

Some years ago the writer, while hunting, stopped by to converse with an elder distant neighbor. Upon leaving the neighbor said that he had no time for hunting because he took all of his spare time in studying about where he had come from before birth and where he would go to at death. He said it in such a way that it caused me to ask myself if I had been thinking much about it. After I had examined myself, I had discovered that I too, had in both a conscious and in an unconscious way been giving quite a bit of thought to the same subject throughout my life-time. I came to the conclusion that probably most, if not all people, spend sometime thinking about the same thing. It is a known fact that the great discoveries in all fields of knowledge, the great inventions and other deep secrets of nature have been revealed only to those who gave much study to them. The man or men who wrote the story of creation in the book of Genesis must have spent much time in meditation on the subject. The story of creation gave the answer to the question that many people of many generations had been wondering about. It corresponds so closely to the facts that scientists have discovered that it might appear that the writer was a great scientist.

To the reader who might be thinking about the subject mentioned by

my distant, aged neighbor, I might add that one writer, in writing about death said that the body returned to the earth from whence it came and the spirit returned to God who gave it. Another writer wrote that the spirit that is born in man, his guiding star, has had somewhere else its setting and commeth from afar. Not in entire forgetfulness nor in utter nakedness, but in clouds of shining glory doth it come from God which is its Home. Another writer writing about man's duty while living wrote a short story about a man who we may refer to as John Doe. He awoke one night from a deep sleep of peace and saw a vision writing in a book. Mr. Doe inquired, "What writeth Thou?" the vision replied, "The names of those who love the Lord." John Doe asked, "Is mine one?" the vision said "No." John Doe said, "Then write me down as one who loves his fellow man." The next night the vision returned with the names of those whom the Lord had blessed and lo John Doe's name led all the rest.

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